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Town Meeting decisions loom: Greenwood will vote on moving its annual Town Meeting to June

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Greenwood residents will decide at next month's annual Town Meeting if that gathering will be the last such to be held in March — a tradition that began with Greenwood's first Town Meeting, March 13, 1816.

(See Page 2 for the beginning of a two-part series by Greenwood historian Stephen Trent Seames on Greenwood's 194-year tradition of Town Meetings.)

On the warrant for this year's meeting is an article to change the annual Town Meeting date to June, a move that would put the legislative gathering in better sync with the July 1-June 30 fiscal year

adopted by town selectmen in December.

Selectmen have the authority to change the town's tax year, but only voters have the authority to change Town Meeting date.

Fiscal year

The possibility of changing the fiscal year had been under discussion for several years — driven in large part by the town's need in recent years to take out Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN) to cover the period between Dec. 31 and Town Meeting in March.

The notes have tended to run in the \$500,000 range, Town Manager Kim Sparks

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Woodstock to make the call: Tri-Town or PACE

By ALISON ALOIOSIO

A public hearing on the future of ambulance service in Woodstock will take place March 10.

At the annual Town Meeting on March 30, voters will be asked to choose whether they wish to get service from Tri-Town Rescue or PACE.

Tri-Town, which currently provides the service, is based in West Paris, while PACE is in Norway.

At last week's selectmen's meeting, location, cost and staff training were key issues in a discussion among selectmen and the directors of the two services.

"PACE has given us the op-

portunity to have an ambulance base right here in town, which makes it quicker for our residents," said selectman Rick Young. "There is no cost at this point and we've been told there would be no cost for that particular ambulance to be sitting here."

The PACE option was first considered several months ago, when Tri-Town was in the midst of an upheaval involving personnel and board issues.

During that time, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said, Woodstock contacted PACE about its availability in the

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More river-erosion work on the warrant in Newry

By ALISON ALOIOSIO

Voters at the March 2 Newry Town Meeting will be asked to raise \$20,000 to fix an erosion site on the Bear River that threatens a cemetery.

Selectmen also plan to use \$20,000 in FEMA funds, left over from an earlier project, to fix another eroded site that is located on the Sunday River.

In 2008 the town, with help from FEMA grants, fixed two other badly eroded places on the rivers.

Jeff Stern of Fiddlehead Environmental Consulting was involved in both those efforts, and is making recommendations for the proposed new

projects.

Bear River project

On the Bear River, not far from Newry Corner, a small cemetery sits in the middle of a hayfield.

"Severe bank erosion is occurring along the edge of the hayfield," said Stern. "The bank keeps advancing across the hayfield toward the cemetery and Route 26."

The site was identified as a high priority in the 2004 Bear River Watershed Survey.

Stern said the primary problem is the buildup of a large gravel bar that pushes the river into the bank.

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Special meeting called for Bethel Airport grant

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel will hold a special Town Meeting Wednesday, March 18, to deal with two matters related to the Bethel Regional Airport Master Plan.

The first will be to see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, or the Town Manager if so designated by the Board, to execute necessary grant agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration and Maine Department of Transportation for the purpose of updating the Master Plan of Bethel Regional Airport.

The second, to see if the town will accept all funds provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and Maine Department of Transportation, estimated at approximately \$144,000, and appropriate these funds, all for the purpose of updating the Master Plan of the Bethel Regional Airport.

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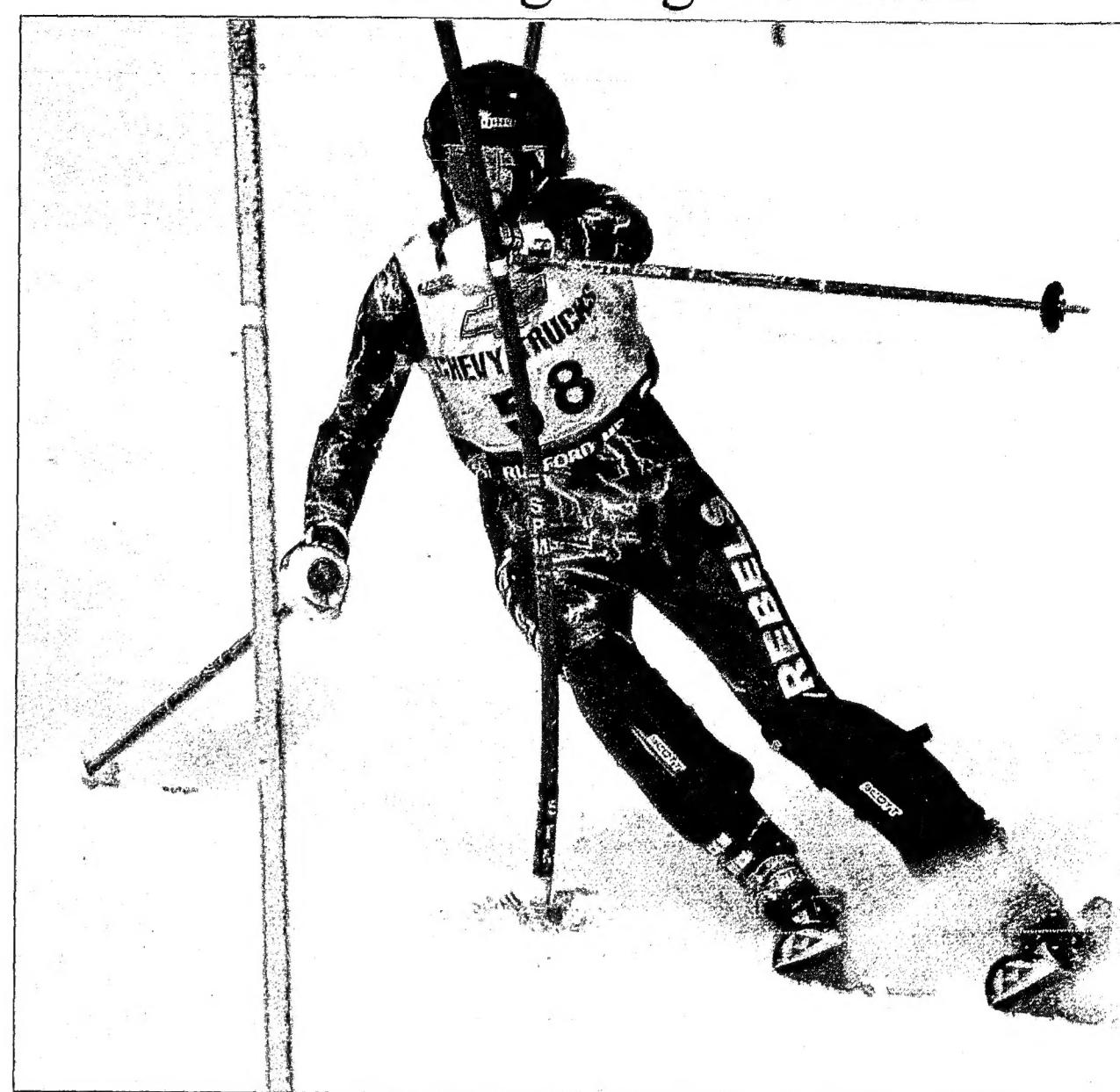
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Navigating the sticks

Telstar alpine skier Morgan Lee makes her way through the slalom course in Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference Championship race, held at Black Mountain. Lee placed 10th. More results and photos, pages 10-11.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Telstar High is re-accredited, but slapped with a 'warning'

By ALISON ALOIOSIO

Telstar High School has been re-accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges.

In a report dated Jan. 29 and presented to the School Board Monday, Telstar received almost two dozen commendations.

But the school was also placed on "warning" status, for two of the areas that were evaluated.

Topics in the review include curriculum, instruction, assessment of student learning, leadership and organization, school resources for learning, community resources for learning, and mission and expectations for students.

The NEASC process includes self-evaluation by staff members, as well as a review by a visiting committee.

Schools are reviewed at least once every 10 years.

NEASC accreditation is considered by colleges in reviewing high school applicants.

Strengths

Among school offerings that drew praise were:

Opportunities to apply learning and knowledge.

Opportunities to engage in higher order thinking, such as in the senior project requirement.

On-the-job learning opportunities for juniors.

After school remediation.

The integration of technology in classrooms.

The effective integration of

available community resources by guidance and health services personnel to address student needs.

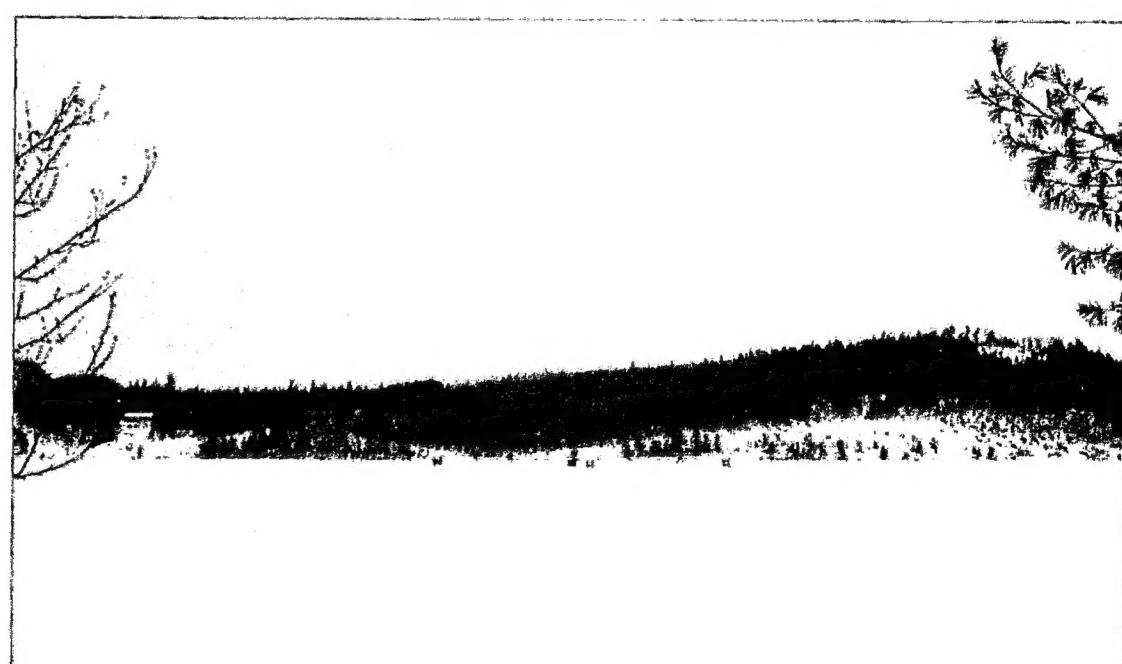
The range of learning opportunities provided by the community, and available through established business partnerships.

And the use of advisor groups to promote the learning process and to ensure the well-being of students.

Weaknesses

The two evaluation topics that created concern and led to the "warning" designation were the "Mission and Expectations for Student Learning" and "Assessment of Student Learning."

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Snowmobiler's river rescue

Water part was just the start

By TERRY KARKOS, Sun Wire
Two of three Rumford men who risked their lives on the Androscoggin River last Saturday night to pull snowmobiler Michael Thurston from its frigid water, said Friday the harrowing rescue was only half the battle.

The other half was getting Thurston safely across 100 feet of ice, up and over the riverbank, then up through deep snow onto a snowmobile and into a waiting Med-Care ambulance on South Rumford Road within a few minutes.

That was all they believed Thurston had left after spending 90 minutes in the river fighting a current that shoved most of his body under the ice.

"God was with us," said Dick Bonnell, who belly-slid on thin ice to reach Thurston while tethered by a 25- to 30-foot rope held by Rumford fire Capt. Spencer Couture and Matthew Roy.

Couture, Bonnell and Thurston's mother, Karen Cole, all called it a miracle that Thurston is alive and recovering, despite being minutes from death with a body temperature of about 85 degrees Fahrenheit when he was put into the ambulance.

"Survival isn't known to go much colder than that. I think it's like 84 degrees and that's it. You're dead," Couture said.

Thurston's ordeal began at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 31 when he

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Letters

BE GREAT TO HAVE HIS HELP

To the Editor:

After reading last week's letter to the editor about the snow/ice sculptures from the gentleman in Newry and remembering back to earlier in January when another letter was written to complain about them, I felt compelled to write.

The mess generated at first was necessary to get the event set up and after everything was put in place I thought that they did pretty well at making it look better, especially by having the snow creatures outside the tent to dress up.

However, you cannot please everyone and there are always folks willing to verbalize their unhappiness.

I would just like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for trying to stimulate business for the downtown village businesses by putting on this event.

Although the snowman and woman were wonderful and quite a draw, most of the traffic generated by them did bypass the businesses on Main Street due to where that event had to take place.

I was happy that they tried this year to think of something they could do for the village area to help stimulate the local economy during these tough economic times.

It is vitally important to support local businesses as they provide jobs and donations to the community. Thank you Bethel Area Chamber for your efforts.

The ideas set forth in the letter last week were good. I just hope that the gentleman is willing to step up and attend some meetings to help in the planning of future events.

It would be wonderful to have his input and assistance.

*Ellen Whitney
Bethel*

WOMEN'S SKI DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

A wonderful day was had by all at the eighth annual New England Nordic Ski Association's (NENSA) women's XC ski day, this year held at The Bethel Inn Resort.

TD Banknorth, along with their spokesperson, gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, helped with the event. L.L. Bean, Isis for Women, Toko Wax, VBT Bicycling Vacations, Akers Ski, The Bethel Inn Resort, Bancroft Contracting, Bethel Foodliner, and True North Adventureware all participated with general donations as well as wonderful raffle prizes.

This year's benefit organization of N.E. women's XC ski day was REACH, The Rape Education and Crisis Hotline, serving the surrounding area with a 24-hour hotline, and support groups and services available to young children, teens, women and men, free of charge and confidential.

"Every year we have women join us who have never skied before, and by the end of the day they are participating in our fun two-person relay, and having a wonderful time!" says chief instructor Trina Hosmer.

"Nowhere else do women feel so included, and they have so much fun learning together."

In addition, ski conditions were perfect just out the back door of The Bethel Inn Resort.

The women's ski day could not have run smoothly without the help of many volunteers from the Bethel ski community.

Many, many thanks go to the following: Beth and Olivia Clark, Julie Schubert-Cowan, Sylvia Vanden Sluis, Cathy Heffernan, Kathryn Keane, Sandra Plourde, Martha Siegel, Karen McElroy, Kate Goldberg, Robin Gorrell, Margaret Haberman-Fake, Tracy Wilkerson, Alice Hotopp, Marian Hotopp, Molly Siegel, Helen Cooper, Samantha Southam, Abbie Goldberg, Marie Keene, Julia Reuter, Sarah Southam, and Laurie Bailey.

Thanks also go to the twenty instructors who each taught three clinics during the day and brought the love of cross-country skiing to so many women.

Special thanks to umbrella organization for the women's ski day, New England Nordic Ski Association.

*Mike Cooper, Ski Director, and the staff
at Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resorts*

THANKS, BETHEL RESCUE, FIRE

To the Editor:

This is a thank you note to the Bethel Rescue and Fire Department for their help on Dec. 12, 2008 — better late than never.

I, W.K. Read Dickinson, am extremely grateful for their assistance in transporting me from The Victoria Inn to Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway after I dislocated my hip that evening.

On Jan. 22 I had hip reconstructive surgery.

I also want to thank everyone at The Victoria Inn, especially Maureen Libby, for all their moral support.

I look forward to participating in the Bethel Shop Around at Christmas 2009.

*Read Dickinson
Bryant Pond*

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Greenwood

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said, and to cost the town \$16,000 to \$17,000 each year in interest.

"Several of our residents are not pleased with this cost and have said so at our Town Meetings," Sparks said.

"In previous years (prior to 2007) a TAN wasn't needed due to the town having enough money in our Surplus Accounts to borrow from. Over the years the Town would take \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year from surplus to help keep the taxes down," Sparks said, "but this practice was stopped in 2007 — the well was drying up so to speak."

In addition to reducing that interest bite, a July-June fiscal year would align the town's budget with those of the state and SAD44, and would put the costly winter roads season entirely in a single-year's budget, further improving the selectmen's ability to plan and manage the town's cash flow.

"The board discussed switching the year in 2007, Sparks said, "but we had our town-wide reveal and the board thought it wasn't a good time to implement the change."

Meeting and tax dates

With the fiscal year changed, the selectmen now hope town voters will follow up by agreeing to move Town Meetings to

June.

The meeting could remain in March, but that would be more than three months ahead of the upcoming fiscal year (and it is also a time when some town residents are still away, in the sunny South).

Other towns with fiscal year calendars (Bethel, for instance) traditionally hold their Town Meetings in June.

Voters will also be asked to pick due dates for taxes under the new calendar.

Currently, taxes are due in full on Nov. 1.

But the selectmen are suggesting voters use the opportunity to make their own financial management a bit easier — by offering themselves the option of paying in one installment or two, with a discount given anyone who pays in full on the first due date.

The dates the board suggests are Oct. 1 and April 1.

Not a new idea

Writing 20 years ago in the "Maine Townsman," published by the Maine Municipal Association, Michael Starn had the following to say about changes such as those taken or being contemplated in Green-

wood:

"A late May or early June Town Meeting and a unified school/municipal budget offer

significant budgetary advantages to a town. There will be many more 'knowns' than 'unknowns' relative to revenues and expenditures, particularly school revenues and expenditures. Budget adoption prior to the beginning of a fiscal year allows for the purchasing decisions and contractual arrangements to be made early in the budget cycle with proper legislative authority.

"Municipal officers also have the benefit of knowing the total assessed valuation at the time of budget adoption thus providing for a more exact prediction of the property tax rate for the coming fiscal year. Lastly, the July-June fiscal year affords the opportunity for multiple tax collections with the good possibility that tax anticipation borrowing can be reduced or even discontinued."

Public Hearing

On Tuesday, March 3 there will be a public hearing on Greenwood's proposed budget for transitioning into the new fiscal-year structure.

That budget will cover six quarters, from Jan. 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The hearing, which will begin at 5 p.m. at the Town Office, will include a discussion of the tax-year change.

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Gould Academy's men's and women's teams took first place in the New England Prep School Alpine Championships.

The president of the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad was looking into the possibility of bringing ski trains back to Bethel.

The Telstar Middle School boys' varsity basketball team clinched their first-ever Sandy Andy Basketball League Championship.

Births: Brandon Michael Dougherty, Luke Ryan Bean, Wodaka.

Deaths: Jack A. Rowland, Jr., Imogene Nesmith Clanton, Eldred C. Wilson, Franklin S. Chapman, Mildred S. Davis, Lena H. Douglas.

20 years ago: The 4th Annual Bethel Sled Dog Races, with competitors from all six New England states, were held on North Pond.

Gov. John R. McKernan was keynote speaker at the Oxford County Republican Committee's Lincoln Day Dinner held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

Members of the Maine National Guard's Co. B Infantry Mountain Unit, of Rumford were training on the slopes of Mt. Abram.

Death: Marion E. Stone.

30 years ago: The Bethel Lions Club sponsored a snow sculpture contest as part of the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival.

The area was experiencing frigid weather with overnight temperatures consistently in the minus-20-degree range, and daytime temperatures of less than plus 10 degrees.

Nine juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society at Telstar Regional High School.

Birth: Shaun Matthew Wheeler.

Deaths: George Luther Greenleaf, Ashley K. Roberts, Clyde F. Bemis.

40 years ago: The Bethel Planning Board held a public hearing to discuss a proposed building code for the town.

Dexter M. Stowell was elected trustee of the Bethel Savings Bank to fill the vacancy created by the death of Henry Hastings.

Gregory Howe left for Officers' Training School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Births: David Paul Faust, Louise May Snyder.

50 years ago: There was considerable water damage in the basement dining room, kitchen and heating plant at the Masonic hall due to frozen pipes.

A loaded pulp truck driven by Frank Britton rolled over in the road between Bennett's Garage and Davis' mill when its two left rear wheels fell off.

The Andover Wood Products Co. had completed its logging operation on International Paper Company in North Newry.

Death: Wesley N. Ferris.

60 years ago: A snowfall of 17½ inches was recorded in the Sunday River valley.

Mrs. Lucia Tikander and Mrs. Grace MacFarlane were in New York buying spring and summer merchandise for The Dress Shop.

Miss Rebecca Philbrick technician at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, was taking a course of advanced training at the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital in Boston.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Arkett, Freeborn B. Bean.

70 years ago: Roderick McMillin bought the trucking business operated by Harold Lurvey.

The local Boy Scout troop observed Scout Week with an interesting program at the Legion Rooms.

Bethel young people were enjoying roller skating parties at Norway.

Gould Academy boys entertained Mexico High at Anderson's Ski Slope, Skillingston, Jumping, cross-country, slalom, downhill, and some snowshoeing were enjoyed.

Deaths: Norman Trafton Ordnway, Mrs. Ross Knapp, Mrs. Nellie Moody, Leo J. Buck.

100 years: Abraham Lincoln's birthday was officially observed with special exercises in Odeon Hall.

The Bethel W.C.T.U. held a service of song ceremony.

Death: Ida Hutchins.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Briefly**House destroyed by fire**

BETHEL—Strong winds contributed to the spread of an early morning fire on Monday that destroyed much of a Barker Road residence. Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey said a wood boiler in the attached garage at 215 Barker Road ignited surrounding material. Jodrey said the initial call shortly before 2 a.m. reported that the garage and an ell were fully engulfed. "Before we even left the station they called back and said it was into the house," Jodrey said. "When we got there it was already through the roof." Jodrey said Eric Paul, the building's owner, escaped with a female companion. Neither person was injured, and no pets were in the house. Jodrey said winds blowing off the Androscoggin River spread the fire toward the house, and a trailer filled with hardwood lumber in the garage provided fuel for the blaze. Firefighters were able to knock down the flames within an hour, but spent a few more hours extinguishing hot spots. Firefighters from Bethel, Newry, Gilford and Greenwood responded to the scene, and were able to save a three-story cylindrical tower that was part of the building. Jodrey said Paul was offered assistance but declined.

Boardercross cancer fundraiser

NEWRY—The fourth annual Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer will take place Feb. 14 and 15 at Sunday River Ski Resort. The fundraiser benefits the Maine Children's Cancer Program, in memory of competitive snowboarder Tucker Olmsted of Yarmouth, who died in 2005 of lymphoma at age 14. Two of Tucker's friends, Jackson Tupper and Jordan Sanford, established the race/auction event, which last year raised more than \$21,000. There is a suggested \$250 minimum donation (in money or value) to be listed as sponsor on t-shirts, hoodies, posters and press release. To participate make a check payable to the Maine Children's Cancer Program, FBO: Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer, and mail to Jackson Tupper, 11 River Bend Drive, Kennebunk, ME, 04043.

Longtime teachers to retire

BETHEL—SAD44 Supt. Dave Murphy announced the retirement Monday of three longtime teachers: Crescent Park first-grade teacher Norma Salway and Telstar Middle School teachers Lennie Hoy and Wayne Howe. The three will retire at the end of the school year.

Free tax assistance

REGION—Free assistance is available by appointment until April 4 for those needing help filing state and federal income taxes. The tax forms will be prepared and e-filed by IRS-Certified Tax Preparers. This service, sponsored by AARP, is for people of all ages with low to moderate incomes. For an appointment call 364-3633.

Kindergartners sought

BETHEL—Elementary schools in SAD44, including the towns of Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry, and Woodstock, are undertaking their annual search for prospective Kindergarten students. Any child who will be five (5) years of age on or before Oct. 15 is eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact the local elementary school to preregister: Woodstock Elementary, Bryant Pond, 665-2228; Crescent Park, Bethel, 824-2839; Andover Elementary, Andover, 392-4381.

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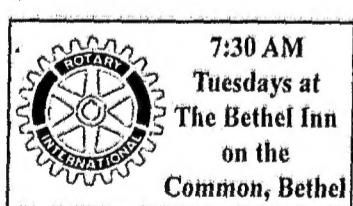
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Letters

BE GREAT TO HAVE HIS HELP

To the Editor:

After reading last week's letter to the editor about the snow/ice sculptures from the gentleman in Newry and remembering back to earlier in January when another letter was written to complain about them, I felt compelled to write.

The mess generated at first was necessary to get the event set up and after everything was put in place I thought that they did pretty well at making it look better, especially by having the snow creatures outside the tent to dress up.

However, you cannot please everyone and there are always folks willing to verbalize their unhappiness.

I would just like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for trying to stimulate business for the downtown village businesses by putting on this event.

Although the snowman and woman were wonderful and quite a draw, most of the traffic generated by them did bypass the businesses on Main Street due to where that event had to take place.

I was happy that they tried this year to think of something they could do for the village area to help stimulate the local economy during these tough economic times.

It is vitally important to support local businesses as they provide jobs and donations to the community. Thank you Bethel Area Chamber for your efforts.

The ideas set forth in the letter last week were good. I just hope that the gentleman is willing to step up and attend some meetings to help in the planning of future events.

It would be wonderful to have his input and assistance.

Ellen Whitney
Bethel

WOMEN'S SKI DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

A wonderful day was had by all at the eighth annual New England Nordic Ski Association's (NENSA) women's XC ski day, this year held at The Bethel Inn Resort.

TD Banknorth, along with their spokesperson, gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, helped with the event. L.L. Bean, Isis Women, Toko Wax, VBT Bicycling Vacations, Akers Ski, The Bethel Inn Resort, Bancroft Contracting, Bethel Foodliner, and True North Adventureware all participated with generous donations as well as wonderful raffle prizes.

This year's benefit organization of N.E. women's XC ski day was REACH, The Rape Education and Crisis Hotline, serving the surrounding area with a 24-hour hotline, and support groups and services available to young children, teens, women and men, free of charge and confidential.

"Every year we have women join us who have never skied before, and by the end of the day they are participating in our fun two-person relay, and having a wonderful time!" says chief instructor Trina Hosmer.

"Nowhere else do women feel so included, and they have so much fun learning together."

In addition, ski conditions were perfect just out the back door of The Bethel Inn Resort.

The women's ski day could not have run smoothly without the help of many volunteers from the Bethel ski community.

Many, many thanks go to the following: Beth and Olivia Clark, Julie Schubert-Cowan, Sylvia Vander Sluis, Cathy Heffernan, Kathryn Keane, Sandra Plourde, Martha Siegel, Karen McElroy, Kate Goldberg, Robin Gorrell, Margaret Haberman-Fake, Tracy Wilkerson, Alice Hotopp, Marian Hotopp, Molly Siegel, Helen Cooper, Samantha Southam, Abbie Goldberg, Marie Keene, Julia Reuter, Sarah Southam, and Laurie Bailey.

Thanks also go to the twenty instructors who each taught three clinics during the day and brought the love of cross-country skiing to so many women.

Special thanks to umbrella organization for the women's ski day, New England Nordic Ski Association.

Mike Cooper, Ski Director, and the staff at Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resorts

THANKS, BETHEL RESCUE, FIRE

To the Editor:

This is a thank you note to the Bethel Rescue and Fire Department for their help on Dec. 12, 2008 — better late than never.

I.W.K. Read Dickinson, am extremely grateful for their assistance in transporting me from The Victoria Inn to St. Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway after I dislocated my hip that evening.

On Jan. 22 I had hip reconstructive surgery.

I also want to thank everyone at The Victoria Inn, especially Maureen Libby, for all their moral support.

I look forward to participating in the Bethel Shop Around at Christmas 2009.

Read Dickinson
Bryant Pond

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Greenwood

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said, and to cost the town \$16,000 to \$17,000 each year in interest.

"Several of our residents are not pleased with this cost and have said so at our Town Meetings," Sparks said.

"In previous years (prior to 2007) a TAN wasn't needed due to the town having enough money in our Surplus Accounts to borrow from. Over the years the Town would take \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year from surplus to help keep the taxes down," Sparks said, "but this practice was stopped in 2007 — the well was drying up so to speak."

In addition to reducing that interest bite, a July-June fiscal year would align the town's budget with those of the state and SAD44, and would put the costly winter roads season entirely in a single-year's budget, further improving the selectmen's ability to plan and manage the town's cash flow.

"The board discussed switching the year in 2007, Sparks said, "but we had our town-wide reveal and the board thought it wasn't a good time to implement the change."

Meeting and tax dates

With the fiscal year changed, the selectmen now hope town voters will follow up by agreeing to move Town Meetings to

June.

The meeting could remain in March, but that would be more than three months ahead of the upcoming fiscal year (and it is also a time when some town residents are still away, in the sunny South).

Other towns with fiscal year calendars (Bethel, for instance) traditionally hold their Town Meetings in June.

Voters will also be asked to pick due dates for taxes under the new calendar.

Currently, taxes are due in full on Nov. 1.

But the selectmen are suggesting voters use the opportunity to make their own financial management a bit easier — by offering themselves the option of paying in one installment or two, with a discount given anyone who pays in full on the first due date.

The dates the board suggests are Oct. 1 and April 1.

Not a new idea

Writing 20 years ago in the "Maine Townsman," published by the Maine Municipal Association, Michael Starn had the following to say about changes such as those taken or being contemplated in Greenwood:

"A late May or early June Town Meeting and a unified school/municipal budget offer

significant budgetary advantages to a town. There will be many more 'knowns' than 'unknowns' relative to revenues and expenditures, particularly school revenues and expenditures. Budget adoption prior to the beginning of a fiscal year allows for the purchasing decisions and contractual arrangements to be made early in the budget cycle with proper legislative authority.

"Municipal officers also have the benefit of knowing the total assessed valuation at the time of budget adoption thus providing for a more exact prediction of the property tax rate for the coming fiscal year. Lastly, the July-June fiscal year affords the opportunity for multiple tax collections with the good possibility that tax anticipation borrowing can be reduced or even discontinued."

Public Hearing

On Tuesday, March 3 there will be a public hearing on Greenwood's proposed budget for transitioning into the new fiscal-year structure.

That budget will cover six quarters, from Jan. 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The hearing, which will begin at 5 p.m. at the Town Office, will include a discussion of the tax-year change.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Gould Academy's men's and women's teams took first place in the New England Prep School Alpine Championships.

The president of the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad was looking into the possibility of bringing ski trains back to Bethel.

The Telstar Middle School boys' varsity basketball team clinched their first-ever Sandy Andy Basketball League Championship.

Births: Brandon Michael Dougherty, Luke Ryan Bean-Wodka.

Deaths: Jack A. Rowland, Jr., Imogene Nesmith Clanton, Eldred C. Wilson, Franklin S. Chapman, Mildred S. Davis, Lena H. Douglas.

20 years ago: The 4th Annual Bethel Sled Dog Races, with competitors from all six New England states, were held on North Pond.

Gov. John R. McKernan was keynote speaker at the Oxford County Republican Committee's Lincoln Day Dinner held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

Members of the Maine National Guard's Co. B Infantry Mountain Unit, of Rumford were training on the slopes of Mt. Abram.

Death: Marion E. Stone.

30 years ago: The Bethel Lions Club sponsored a snow sculpture contest as part of the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival.

The area was experiencing frigid weather with overnight temperatures consistently in the minus-20-degree range, and daytime temperatures of less than plus 10 degrees.

Nine juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society at Telstar Regional High School.

Birth: Shaun Matthew Wheeler.

Deaths: George Luther Greenleaf, Ashley K. Roberts, Clyde F. Bemis.

40 years ago: The Bethel Planning Board held a public hearing to discuss a proposed building code for the town.

Dexter M. Stowell was elected trustee of the Bethel Savings Bank to fill the vacancy created by the death of Henry Hastings.

Gregory Howe left for Officers' Training School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Births: David Paul Faust, Louise May Snyder.

50 years ago: There was considerable water damage in the basement dining room, kitchen and heating plant at the Masonic hall due to frozen pipes.

A loaded pulp truck driven by Frank Britton rolled over in the road between Bennett's Garage and Davis' mill when its two left rear wheels fell off.

The Andover Wood Products Co. had completed its logging operation on International Paper Company in North Newry.

Death: Wesley N. Ferris.

60 years ago: A snowfall of 17½ inches was recorded in the Sunday River valley.

Mrs. Lucia Tikander and Mrs. Grace MacFarlane were in New York buying spring and summer merchandise for The Dress Shop.

Miss Rebecca Philbrick, technician at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, was taking a course of advanced training at the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital in Boston.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Arkett, Freeborn B. Bean.

70 years ago: Roderick McMillin bought the trucking business operated by Harold Lurvey.

The local Boy Scout troop observed Scout Week with an interesting program at the Legion Room.

Bethel young people were enjoying roller skating parties at Norway.

Gould Academy boys entertained Mexico High at Anderson's Ski Slope, Skillingston, Jumping, cross-country, slalom, downhill, and some snowshoeing were enjoyed.

Deaths: Norman Trafton Ordway, Mrs. Ross Knapp, Mrs. Nellie Moody, Leo J. Buck.

100 years: Abraham Lincoln's birthday was officially observed with special exercises in Odeon Hall.

The Bethel W.C.T.U. held a service of song ceremony.

Death: Ida Hutchins.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Briefly

House destroyed by fire

BETHEL—Strong winds contributed to the spread of an early morning fire on Monday that destroyed much of a Barker Road residence. Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey said a wood boiler in the attached garage at 215 Barker Road ignited surrounding material. Jodrey said the initial call shortly before 2 a.m., reported that the garage and an ell were fully engulfed. "Before we even left the station they called back and said it was into the house," Jodrey said. "When we got there it was already through the roof." Jodrey said Eric Paul, the building's owner, escaped with a female companion. Neither person was injured, and no pets were in the house. Jodrey said winds blowing off the Androscoggin River spread the fire toward the house, and a trailer filled with hardwood lumber in the garage provided fuel for the blaze. Firefighters were able to knock down the flames within an hour, but spent a few more hours extinguishing hot spots. Firefighters from Bethel, Newry, Gilford and Greenwood responded to the scene, and were able to save a three-story cylindrical tower that was part of the building. Jodrey said Paul was offered assistance but declined.

Boardercross cancer fundraiser

NEWRY—The fourth annual Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer will take place Feb. 14 and 15 at Sunday River Ski Resort. The fundraiser benefits the Maine Children's Cancer Program, in memory of competitive snowboarder Tucker Olmsted of Yarmouth, who died in 2005 of lymphoma at age 14. Two of Tucker's friends, Jackson Tupper and Jordan Sanford, established the race/auction event, which last year raised more than \$21,000. There is a suggested \$250 minimum donation (in money or value) to be listed as sponsor on t-shirts, hoodies, posters and press release. To participate make a check payable to the Maine Children's Cancer Program, FBO: Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer, and mail to Jackson Tupper, 11 River Bend Drive, Kennebunk, ME, 04043.

Longtime teachers to retire

BETHEL—SAD44 Supt. Dave Murphy announced the retirement Monday of three longtime teachers: Crescent Park first-grade teacher Norma Salway and Telstar Middle School teachers Lennie Hoy and Wayne Howe. The three will retire at the end of the school year.

Free tax assistance

REGION—Free assistance is available by appointment until April 4 for those needing help filing state and federal income taxes. The tax forms will be prepared and e-filed by IRS-Certified Tax Preparers. This service, sponsored by AARP, is for people of all ages with low to moderate incomes. For an appointment call 364-3633.

Kindergartners sought

BETHEL—Elementary schools in SAD44, including the towns of Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry, and Woodstock, are undertaking their annual search for prospective Kindergarten students. Any child who will be five (5) years of age on or before Oct. 15 is eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact the local elementary school to preregister: Woodstock Elementary, Bryant Pond, 665-2228; Crescent Park, Bethel, 824-2839; Andover Elementary, Andover, 392-4381.

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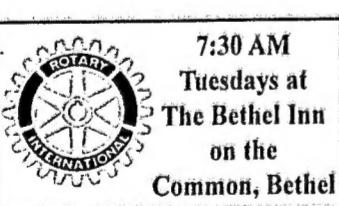
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For more information, contact Cynthia @ 890-6859, or, come by the farm on Saturday Feb 14 or Saturday Feb 21 from Noon - 3 pm. 3.5 miles off Rte. 26 on Intervale Road, Bethel

Thanks! Cynthia & John



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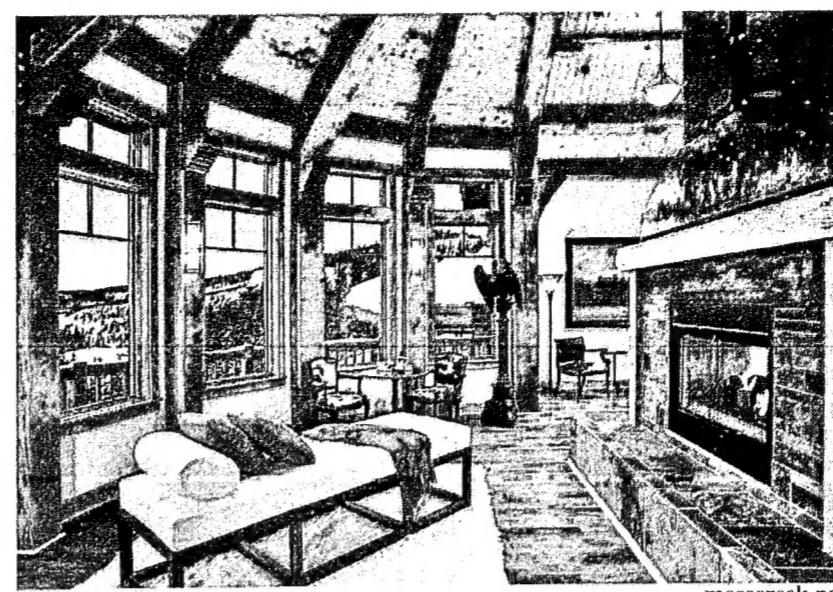
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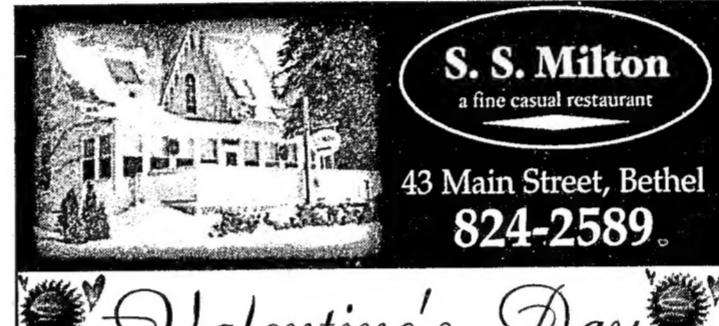
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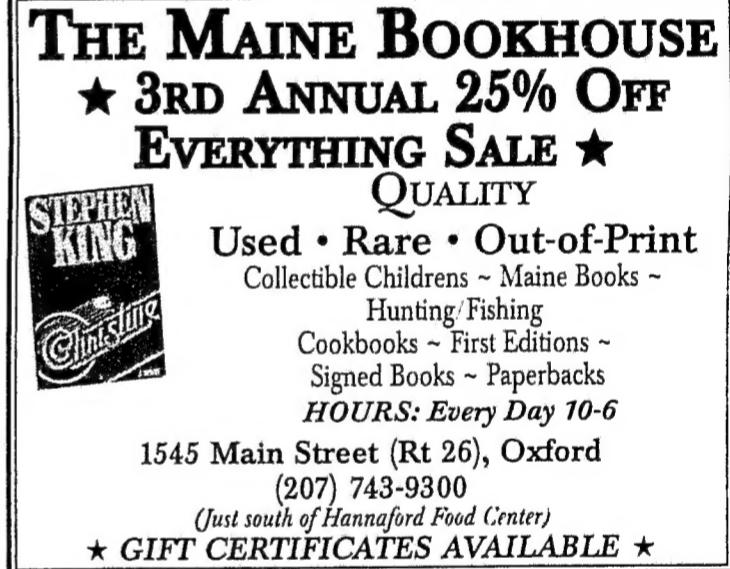
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Woodstock

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event Tri-Town disbanded. Current Tri-Town Director Allison Ross, who has served in that capacity for six months, said last week that Tri-Town is now on stable ground.

But because concerns have persisted in Woodstock, selectmen said, they decided to put the question of ambulance service to a vote, "to put it to rest," said selectman Bruce Korhonen.

He said there have been several citizen requests for a warrant article.

Ross said Tri-Town could not compete with PACE's offer of a no-cost presence in town.

"We depend on a subsidy," she said.

The subsidy from the Town of Woodstock for the current year is \$16,337, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Logistics

On questioning from Steve Bies, PACE director Bob Hand acknowledged that his service would likely not be based in Woodstock at night very often.

But, he said, "a truck would be in town "almost all the time during the day."

A specific location for housing an ambulance was not discussed.

Tri-Town's Ross questioned the wisdom of a night-time scenario in which a PACE truck coming on a call to Woodstock from Norway would drive right by the Tri-Town station (on Route 26).

Tri-Town, she said, could have an emergency medical technician on the scene more quickly, with PACE then able to step in and provide higher-level care, if needed.

Staff skill level

PACE trucks are staffed

with a paramedic and an intermediate or basic-level EMT at all times, Hand said.

A paramedic is more highly trained.

Ross said that while Tri-Town has paramedics on staff, they are not necessarily available 24 hours a day. The service is working toward a higher level of coverage, she said.

Ross also expressed concern about Tri-Town employees losing their jobs if Woodstock changed to PACE.

Last week's 45-minute discussion touched on other details of the services, and Hand provided information on current response times. Ross was expected to do the same at the selectmen's next meeting.

All the information is expected to be available at the March 10 hearing, which will begin at 6 p.m. in the Town Office.

Newry

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By ALISON ALOISIO

Voters at the March 2 Newry Town Meeting will be asked to raise \$20,000 to fix an erosion site on the Bear River that threatens a cemetery.

Selectmen also plan to use \$20,000 in FEMA funds, left over from an earlier project, to fix another eroded site that is located on the Sunday River.

In 2008 the town, with help from FEMA grants, fixed two other badly eroded places on the rivers.

Jeff Stern of Fiddlehead Environmental Consulting was involved in both those efforts,

and is making recommendations for the proposed new projects.

Bear River project

On the Bear River, not far from Newry Corner, a small cemetery sits in the middle of a hayfield.

"Severe bank erosion is occurring along the edge of the hayfield," said Stern. "The bank keeps advancing across the hayfield toward the cemetery and Route 26."

The site was identified as a high priority in the 2004 Bear River Watershed Survey.

Stern said the primary problem is the buildup of a large

gravel bar that pushes the river into the bank.

He said one of last year's projects, just upstream along the Lone Pine Road, has stemmed erosion somewhat near the cemetery.

"The work we did last summer at Lone Pine helps alleviate the problem of gravel buildup on the bar, because it eliminates erosion for this major source, but there are still other sources of gravel erosion from other places farther upstream," said Stern.

At the Sunday River site, "trees and the bank are caving in, and erosion threatens

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In the past such matters would not have required Town Meeting approval, according to Scott Cole, Bethel town (and airport) manager.

But FAA requirements for acceptance of grant agreements have changed, and the town's acceptance includes review and signature by legal counsel.

And, Cole said, "It is now

the town attorney's opinion that Town Meeting authorization needs to occur prior to acceptance of the grant agreement itself, and even before work commences.

"This opinion, coupled with the FAA's accelerated schedule for processing grants in 2009, has created the need for a special Town Meeting."

And the town must submit

its grant acceptance by Feb. 20, Cole said.

Wednesday's Town Meeting will be held in the Town Office, beginning at 7 p.m.

(Note: Scott Cole's perspective on his ten years as Bethel's town manager, referred to in last week's Citizen, remains at this point a work in progress. We hope to publish it in an upcoming edition.)



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Make Valentine's Day Special

Valentine's Day is such a special day, a day to celebrate love and romance. A day to show that someone special how much they mean to you.

I remember the Valentine's Day parties we had in grade school. We decorated brown paper bags, put our names on them and then they were taped along the bottom of the blackboard as our "mail boxes".

As I recall most of the girls' bags were decorated with a lot of hearts and flowers and paper doilies. Most of the boys' colored their bags with cars and trucks and monsters. The cards that were placed in the "mail boxes" followed the same patterns. The cards from girls were cute and frilly. The cards from boys were of the Tonka or joke variety.

The boys just didn't get it back then and I'm sure that when they grew into manhood that they didn't have much of a clue then either.

Oh, I know, a lot of men get Valentine's cards for their sweeties. Some get flowers or jewelry and some even purchase all three and maybe even throw in a box of candy for good measure.

That's really sweet and I know from personal expe-

rience that those gifts of love are really appreciated. In fact, I have a drawer full of Valentine's Day cards that my number one man has given me over the years. I just can't seem to part with them.

So, us ladies do love the cards, flowers etc., but

Listen up guys, this is a little piece of Valentine's Day advice just for you.

what we would really love for Valentine's Day is for you guys to show the softer more sensitive side that we know you have.

Listen up guys, this is a little piece of Valentine's Day advice just for you. If you want to do the cards and flowers you go right ahead, in fact I hope you do. But if you really want to sweep your sweetie off her feet go rent a chick flick and watch it with her.

Sitting through the "Devine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" will score you more points than a dozen long-stem red roses.

And don't pick on her when she cries over the end of the relationship in

"The Bridges of Madison County." What you have to understand is that when a woman cries over a sad movie she's not just crying over a tear-jerking scene; she's purging over everything that has been hanging around in her heart for who knows how long.

And if you really want to score big points hold her in your arms and cry with her when the ship goes down in "Titanic." Don't hide behind a newspaper or get up and go to the bathroom. Sob and let the tears flow. It's good for you and it will be a Hallmark moment that she will never forget. You will be rewarded.

You guys think it's the macho thing that appeals to women, but you are wrong. We really go for the sensitive side. Take us to see "Terms of Endearment" and we're putty in your hands.

So do get your special someone some flowers and a card because she really will appreciate it and probably save the card just like I do. But if you really want to make her day stop by the video store and bring home a tear jerker you can both cry over.

If you do that, the way I see it, you'll both have a very, very happy Valentine's Day. I truly hope you do.

Rescue

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GLOVES MARK THE SPOT—Dick Bonnell of Rumford points to the place on the Androscoggin River where he belly-slid on ice with a rope tied to his waist to reach a nearly submerged snowmobiler whose sled fell into open water last Saturday night. Michael Thurston, 21, was rescued from the frigid water. His gloves can be seen, center left, still frozen into the ice. (Photo: T. Karkos)

drove into open water on the Androscoggin River while snowmobiling with his friend, Benjamin Hodgkins of Roxbury.

They drove to within 100 feet of Thurston, where Roy joined them, and all three walked out onto knee-deep, slushy ice. They didn't hesitate, despite the danger. They knew Thurston was dying.

Before going under, Thurston took off his helmet and kicked off his boots. The current took him 100 yards or more downriver, shoving his body under a sheet of ice that he grabbed and got onto with his elbows.

When Hodgkins couldn't find Thurston, he returned to Cole's house and she called 911.

When Couture heard the emergency call, he grabbed 150 feet of rope and a spotlight and headed for the river from his Rumford Point home, but he couldn't find Thurston.

Bonnell took rope and a flashlight and rode his snowmobile to the Thurston home, where he learned Thurston was somewhere in the river. By Cole's tone, he knew he had to help.

"A mother's cry for help, it's a powerful thing," Bonnell said.

Knowing the area, he raced to just beyond where the Concord River meets the Androscoggin. There, he met Couture and told him to hop on.

Bonnell shut off his sled's engine, and he and Couture belled Thurston's name twice before Thurston answered. Bonnell shined the flashlight and spotted Thurston's head and gloved hands a few hundred feet away, where the river rounds a big bend.

Bonnell and Couture grabbed Thurston's jacket collar, while Roy grabbed his arm and together they ran across the rest of the ice to the riverbank, dragging Thurston.

"We were on the outside of the turn, which is the worst place to be because that's where the ice is usually the thinnest," Couture said.

When they got closer, Couture, with the rope tied around him, belly-slid toward Thurston, while Couture and Roy held the other end.

"I remember praying to God when I slid out on that thin ice. I was just running on adrenaline," Bonnell said.

Reaching Thurston, he grabbed him and pulled, but couldn't get him out.

Thurston began saying, "I'm gonna die, I'm gonna die."

Bonnell spun around and sat on the edge of the ice.

"It scared the hell out of me," Couture said, "but Dick reached down and shoved his hand into the water as far as he could reach, grabbed hold of something and when he pulled back, I saw him lean back and he yelled to Matt, 'Pull!' and we pulled and they both slid out," Couture said.

"It was a brutal pull," Bonnell said.

Couture and Roy dragged Bonnell and Thurston back to more solid ice, but realized that four guys weighing 1,000 pounds total in one spot wasn't good.

"We've had 'The Miracle on the Hudson,' and now we've had 'The Miracle on the Androscoggin,'" his mother said.

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Super Crossword

'Strike One!'



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of onto Route 2. There is a need for good visibility there since the traffic moves along quite fast through the new stretch of road.

Hugh and I had a busy week last week. After recovering from the removal of the old house on the corner, we had a meeting on Friday night of the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association at Oxford Hills High School. There were around 30 members present. On Sunday, we had a Board of Directors meeting at Norman Davis' home in Newry.

There have been questions asked as to how anyone interested in running for a position, as an officer of the town of Gilead should go about applying. There is no requirement to file any papers to run for an office in Gilead. All nominations are taken from the floor at the annual Town Meeting. Officers are elected for a three-year term.

If anyone who would like to publicize that they are running for an office for the town of Gilead, they can contact me (see info at end of column), and basic info can be put into the column. This is not a space to campaign, but I will be glad to put in your name, what office you are interested in seeking and contact information if you wish.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

There will be a meeting on Feb. 17 at the Town Office at 7 p.m.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Newry



by
Sylvia
Harrington

Happy Valentine's Day to readers this Saturday. Always more to do when this special day comes on a weekend.

The WVSC will hold a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. At that time (note the hour) discussion will be held to finalize plans for the Feb. 21 9:30 a.m. Herb Kittredge memorial ride and the 5 p.m. landowners oyster stew and spaghetti supper at the Bear River Grange Hall. Please keep the date open. I was told there will be more information about the event next week in The Citizen in a notice prepared by the club.

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Hanover



by Clem
Worcester
The Hanover Planning Board met Wednesday, Feb. 4, for their

monthly meeting and their annual organizational meeting. Elected chairman was Steve Pelletier. Jeff Watts became the vice chairman and Clem Worcester will remain as secretary. The changes reflect the resignation of long-time Chairman Mark Beaujodoin who left the board at the end of 2008. The board heard a presentation about a five-lot subdivision planned in Hanover Village and voted to accept the presentation as the pre-application.

The Hanover Town Office will be a busy place next week beginning on Tuesday with a Select Board meeting, on Wednesday there will be a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting, and on Thursday the Planning Board will have a workshop. All events begin at 6 p.m.

Freeman Farrington and Clem Worcester traveled to Gouldsboro last Sunday to attend the Knights of Pythias Executive Council meeting at the Schoodic Lodge Hall on US Route 1. Also attending from this area were Danny and Janice Bennett from Milton Township.

Last week we reported about the dramatic rescue of Michael Thurston in the Androscoggin River on Jan. 31 following a snowmobile mishap. We can now report that Michael has been released from the Lewiston hospital that he was airlifted to by helicopter and he continues to recover at his Rumford Corner home.

Last Sunday we had the first above-freezing weather since mid-December last year. It was nice although way too short lived as strong north winds blew in colder weather again that evening.

Greenwood City



by
Wayne
Hakala

Uncle Ivan is going to be catching up to Vera very soon. Ivan Morey will be ninety and there is going to be a birthday party on the 19th of March at the Legion. So stay tuned for all the details. I'm sure Uncle Ivan would enjoy seeing all of his friends from the Masons, Legion, church, and the

DBA: Bethel Naturopathic Care

Mary Bove, N.D., has recently opened a part-time practice at Spirit Wings in Bethel. She holds a doctorate of naturopathic medicine and midwifery certification from Bastyr University of National Health Sciences in Seattle, Wash. She received the diploma of phytotherapy/herbal medicine at the School of Phytotherapy in Great Britain, and is a member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists in London. She has practiced naturopathic family medicine, including natural childbirth, women's wellness care, gynecology and pediatric medicine at the Brattleboro Naturopathic Clinic in Brattleboro, Vt., since 1993. Bove provides complementary care to traditional medicine. Her focus in Bethel will be on preventative, pediatric care and chronic conditions. Office hours will be on Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m. For an appointment, call 888-207-4448 or stop in at Spirit Wings at 14 Main St. Bove is a Portland native who has been a regular visitor to the Bethel area throughout her life.

friends he has made over the past ninety years. So plan on being there.

On Feb. 15, there will be a Four Chaplains Service at the Locke Mills Union Church.

I for one will be doing one part of the reading, and I sure would like to see many more Legion members attend. Plan on being there.

On the 19th of February, Post and Unit 68 will enjoy the annual Oyster Stew Supper. Also Anita is planning on something else for those that do not partake of them oysters. I

can't imagine anyone turning down a good oyster stew.

I caught the bug this morning — 44 degrees and sunny. Then a mixture of crud. After all that I just had to open up my trails for gathering sap.

Have to prepare in advance and do it just right. So John Deere and I did our magic and have opened up the trail so that gathering sap wouldn't be very hard. At least if we don't get a big storm. I was told by a very reliable source that winter is done. Get ready to tap and make sure the pails are covered, as there will be rain coming. The way the wind is blowing out there now it is hard to believe. And the temperature sure has taken a nosedive.

Last Monday I stopped in to Dave's Small Engine Repair. The visit was just to pick up a

chainsaw that I had Dave look at. Ended up bringing a new saw home. Lesson No. 101 in "How to Impress the Wife." But it was time, as the old 266 was bought in "1989."

While I was visiting, Dave told me of the recognition that was bestowed on this family business. Dave's Small Engine Repair gained the Ariens "Apex Dealer in Maine." No other Ariens dealer in Maine has made that level in sales and service. So a well done to the Patri family for a job well done. And customer service is what has made this business.

Plus the business is doing the warranty and repair work for a big-box store in Auburn, a dealer in South Paris and a new business in Oxford. So, an excellent reputation has been established and will continue for a very long time to come. Stop in and say hello and tell them that Wayne sent you in.

As we all know, Ken Wakefield departed from us way to suddenly last Monday. Ken is going to be missed by so many. Ken touched our lives each day with a smile and always with good words. I cannot recall a time that I failed to laugh with Ken. We of the American Legion are going to miss him dearly and the void he leaves cannot just be filled.

Life in the City is fairly quiet now. Course with below-zero mornings, we hate to get moving. Lay-offs have hit several and yet work has taken

several too far off places. Go figure. But the bus continues to collect the little ones in an ungodly hour of the morning.

The roads are wider now that the road crew pushed back the snowbanks and bucketed snow from intersections,

bridges and other spots.

Last Friday evening, Willie Hathaway and Del Wilson helped us at the Legion Bingo.

We really enjoyed having them helping and Willie received several hugs that were

lifeless.

Also don't forget that the, Snow Valley Snow Goers are holding their first annual

Andover



by Melinda
Averill
Greetings Andover friends. I'm sure that everyone remembered

that Valentine's Day is Saturday. If you didn't, you still have time to think of something special to do, to say or to give!

Saturday evening is the Winter Carnival Dance at Telstar High School. School vacation is next week.

There was a small crowd at the special Town Meeting last Thursday evening. (It was a very cool night too.) Both articles passed; we will pay Med-Care the remaining bill for 2008 that we owed, and we will secure a loan for the remainder of the balance for the new fire truck.

In other news, there will be a public hearing in the next few weeks regarding an article that will be voted on at the March Town Meeting. It concerns wages and benefits for town employees. A date has not been set yet, but notices will be posted when the time comes. Hopefully this gives people a chance to learn more information before the March Town Meeting.

Former Andover resident Margie Bartlett left on Jan. 31, along with a medical team from Maine, for a week mission trip to Honduras. One of her goals was to be able to provide a year's supply of vitamins to every resident of El Junco, a tiny mountain village her group has adopted.

The Andover Recreation Committee is hosting a Winter Carnival on Feb. 27 and 28.

On Friday evening there will be a teen ice-hockey broom ball challenge from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Grimaldi Field, with a bonfire, hotcocoa and refreshments. On Saturday there will be skiing and snowshoe events, ice skating and other activities beginning at 9 a.m. Registration will be at 8 a.m. at the field. All outdoor activities are subject to severe weather conditions.

Beano for prizes and a bake sale will be offered at the Town Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. A winter carnival dance for adults

will be held at the Town Hall from 8 p.m. until midnight.

All proceeds will go toward the summer ball programs.

The Recreation Committee members would like to have some help hosting this community event. Please contact any ARC member if interested: Tina Farrington, Kevin Scott, Angie Smith, Paul Hutchins or Bob Chase.

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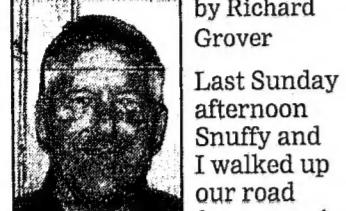
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Happy birthday to Carson McKay on the 16th.
Have a nice weekend.

Mason

by Richard Grover

Last Sunday afternoon Snuffy and I walked up our road for exercise and followed the line of new, shiny electric utility poles to their termination just short of the national forest boundary. It appears that we may

soon have new neighbors in the area. Mason is growing by leaps and bounds!

On our way back down we met a pickup truck that pulled into a turnoff at the top of the "sand hill." I introduced myself to the youngish fellow that got out of the truck and asked if he was one of the new property owners. He said he was Chris O'Brien, and he was planning to build a home and move up here from Locke Mills once he sells his house there. In the meantime he plans to erect some kind of storage building. He stated that the fellow who sold his lot had the light poles put in as soon as he sold the first lot to encourage others to purchase the other lots there. I don't know how many five-acre lots there are.

More January Cruise

As I stated previously, our two table waiters were Indonesian; the headwaiter wrote his name for me: Gede Surawan.

We knew the other waiter only as Harry. They were two of nearly 400 Indonesian crewmen aboard ship, working everywhere from the engine room to the bridge. There were many other workers from all corners of the globe, and we encountered them at all hours of the day and night, cooking, painting or cleaning all over the ship, waiting on or entertaining passengers and all the other jobs of a small city.

One evening all the Indonesian crew members were selected to put on a show in the ship's theater at 11 p.m., after the professional show. These guys (all male) were far from professional actors, but they put on a good show. They began with two lines of guys in costume performing rather intricate maneuvers with their arms and hands, alternating clapping hands with every other fellow down the line, much as young girls do with

some dance routines. There was also skits where a wicked wolf (or evil spirit) came into a village and was finally driven off by an elaborately dressed witch doctor of some kind. There was also a seemingly lovely lady in full Indonesian costume performing an intricate dance reminding me of a Japanese Geisha, complete with the hand motions with delicately arched fingers. Our waiter, Gede, later told us this was a young man who had been attending theater training in Indonesia, where both men and women learn to dance as both (or either) sex.

The final performance brought out the entire cast of Indonesians, and they even solicited several audience members to join them in playing a traditional Indonesian instrument made of bamboo called an "angklung." The angklung is a rectangular-framed instrument, resembling a wind chime with lengths of split bamboo between the sides; when shaken, each angklung rattles and forms a single note. This "orchestra" had angklungs made up of seven different notes, numbered from one to seven, with numerous players holding each note. The conductor had a large tripod with butcher paper with the numbers of the notes printed on it and a baton to point to the numbers in the right sequences to make music. As the conductor pointed to each number, all those with that number note shook the angklung. After a couple of practice songs, this orchestra played "God Bless America," and the audience all stood and sang along. Very moving.

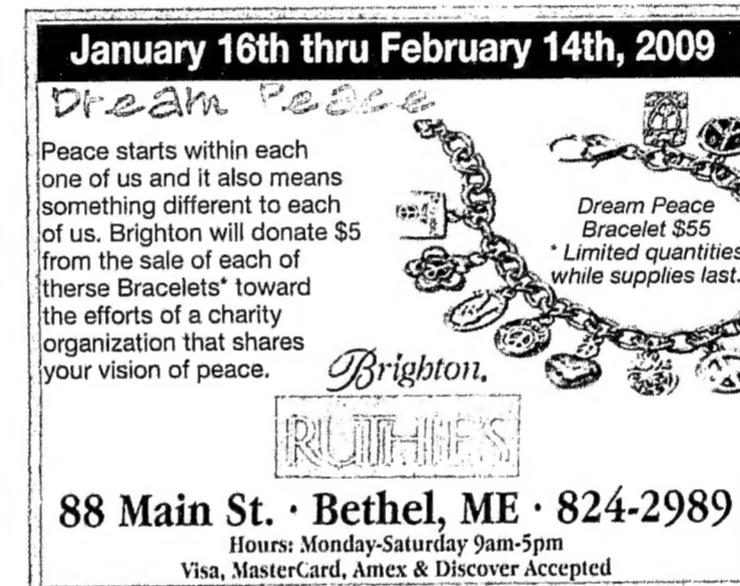
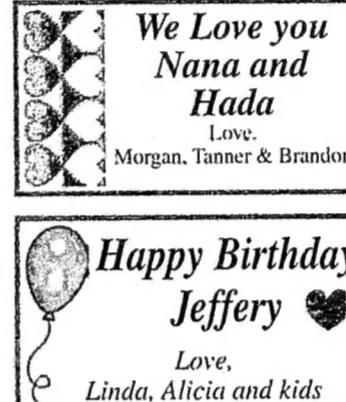
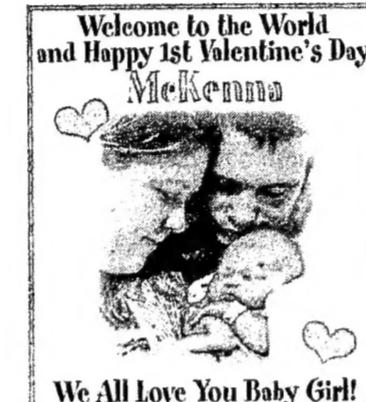
At dinner the evening the ship departed Curacao, Anna Ryerson's friend Patty, who works in the Maine Department of Human Services with her, reported that one of the

sea birds in Curacao apparently took offense at her presence there and "dropped a load on her head!" Patty is a good sport and gave us all a good laugh with vivid description of the incident. That evening also, our drink waiter, an always smiling and joking Philippino named Eric, somehow came up with the idea of calling me, "Mr. Groover!" Toward the end of the cruise, we all decided that the wait staff were encouraged to always be smiling, friendly and helpful to the passengers at all times in order to receive good passenger evaluation forms (and perhaps bigger tips) at the end of the cruise.

At the debarkation briefing the evening before docking at Ft. Lauderdale, the cruise director read off a list of some of the more stupid questions that passengers asked during the cruise. Some examples:

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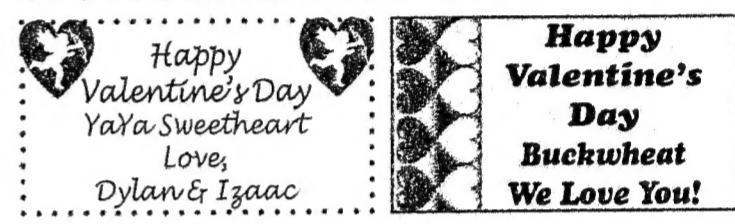
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JIM**



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1) Do these stairs go up or down? How small does your face have to be to get a mini facial? Is the TV satellite or cable? Does the ship generate its own power?

How can I tell which photos are mine? (Each day photos of the passengers engaged in various activities were posted on large screens along one of the hallways leading to the dining room, in hopes you would buy some of them.)

Does the crew sleep on board? Is the toilet water fresh or salt?

East Andover

 by Joan Stinson-Carney
Town Meeting this year will be on Saturday, March 21, at

the Town Hall. Let's hope it's not as long as last year's! It is now official, candidates who returned their papers are: Incumbent Trudy Akers for a three-year selectman position. Incumbent Elaine Morton and first-time candidate Lora Owings for the three-year Town Clerk/Tax Collector positions. Incumbent Sandra Conrad and first-time candidate Savannah Sessions for the three-year Treasurer's position. Incumbent Marshall Meissner for Road Commissioner. First-time candidate Rob Dixon for the three-year Fire Chief's position. Elections will be held on March 24 at the Town Hall. Hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Now, more than ever, you have to exercise your right and duty to get out and vote.

Today would have been Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Happy Birthday, Abe.

Congrats to Calvary Bible Church members Gabe Coolidge, Joseph Morin, Zachary Morin, and Raymond Morin for receiving certificates for completing sections in the Mail Box Club.

I have just finished reading John Grisham's newest book "The Associate." It's not bad, a lot better than some of his others. It was a good way to forget about the rotten weather, and watching NCIS reruns. The book is available at the Andover Library. I really

bless the library, and all the books that take me away from reality for a while. We are so lucky to have a really good library in our small town, Janet and Honey really do a great job, thanks ladies.

That darn groundhog saw his shadow, so I guess we will have to suffer through another six weeks of winter. This morning about 5:25 a.m. the snow slid off our roof and really scared my mother and I. I thought for a minute that a freight train was coming through. Right now the wind is blowing so hard it sounds like jet planes are flying over. Oh well, that's the way life should be.

See ya.

Locke Mills

 by Loraine Larson
It is with great sadness that I offer the family of Kenneth

Wakefield the town's most sincere sympathy, and my own, on his most untimely death, Monday, Feb. 2. Ken was known to all by his cheery smile and his willingness to help anyone any way he could. I have had Ken and Barb for neighbors for the past twelve years and always knew I could call on them any time I needed help. I know that he will be sadly missed by so many people. Someone once said that any man's death diminishes one, but Ken's will do so even more than most. The town just will not seem the same without him. We are just so sorry.

Bryant Pond

 by Alice Hoyt
Remember the Whitman Memorial Library program is the third Thursday this month and speaker is Cliff Gray, local owner of Andrews Funeral Home. Date is Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. He will talk about information on pre-arrangements and on what information you need to have at the death of a loved one. There will be a time for questions and answers. If you are unable to attend the afternoon

program and would like them to schedule an evening program, please call the library at 665-2505 or Marta Clements at 674-2143. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6. Prayer meeting is at 6:30 on Wednesday evening and on Friday at 6:30 p.m. is youth group. Coming events in February - Feb. 20 is youth group activity, Feb. 27 is young adults fellowship supper and Bible study, Feb. 28 is ladies Bible study. The men's Bible study meets at 9 a.m. each Saturday.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Town Conference Room. A potluck dinner was enjoyed and there was a silent auction. Next month they will meet at Ledgeview Memorial Home; lunch will be put on by Ledgeview, and Ann Morton will be talking about some of the trips they have taken. New members are always welcome.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on Feb. 18 at the Town Annex with potluck dinner and program on Canada. Meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ken Wakefield.

Historical Society

At the Historical Society meeting on Feb. 14, the potluck supper will feature soups. The museum has a little folk art. It is homey and comforting. The Research Library has many books on art and antiques. Visitors seem interested in both, especially tourists. The New England region is known to some degree as a source for truly fine antiques. So naturally they try to have as many as possible in their collections, and since Curator Larry Billings loves art, he supplies that.

Thanks to Olive Risko for doing many of the research reports and to Annella Burnham for overseeing the fund-raising. Elaine Roberts is also an able president. Paul and Vicki Billings do many special things for the organization. Rev. Beal offers sage advice too. Mary Billings does all she can. Everyone does his or her part in the society and that makes it a success. Everybody can make a contribution, so why not you? Remember this

is their 30th year. Help make it special. Curator Larry has already given several fresh exhibits, so decide what you can do to help. Surely there is something. The museum relies on the goodwill of people throughout the area. It does its best to serve you through its exhibits and programs.

Albany

 by Sheila Dyke
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We have been enjoying the warm weather these past few days — it was almost 40 here this weekend!

Hope everyone out there is managing to keep warm during the cold temps that we're still getting.

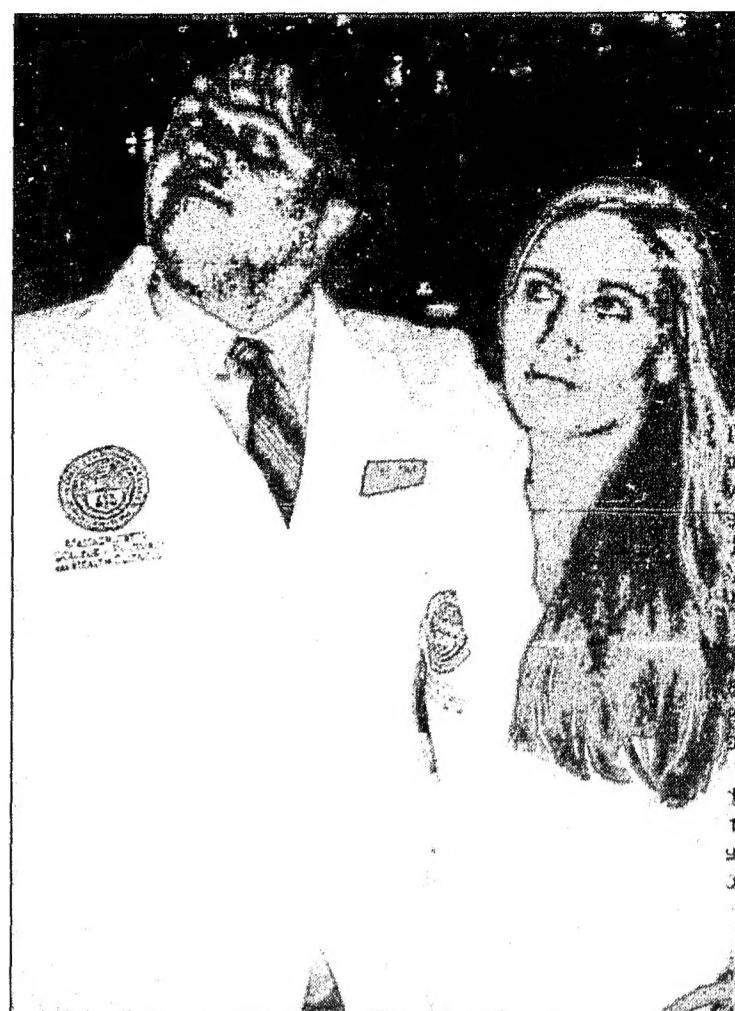
Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford

 by Rockie Graham
I woke this morning and watched the clouds quickly traveling across the sky.

The promised sun was nowhere to be seen. The temperature was above zero for a change but not much warmer than that. Soon the winds picked up more, then it rained for a while — long enough for us to go to Waterford transfer station and return home. Then slowly the sun showed her face. The temp rose a little, but with the wind it still appeared cold. The road was icy and I cut our walk short. Tasha was ok with the ice. I was not.

It occurs to me that if anything had 12-9 Waterford Rockie Graham penned, I cannot scream. I try to remember to bring my kazoo, but it mostly sits in my cloth bag with all sorts of things that must travel with me — asthma meds, pens, pads, water bottle, food, etc. While we were at the transfer station, we left off recyclables, metal and trash. At none of the locations did we see a live person. There was a car ahead of us at the recycling compac-



2006 TELSTAR GRADUATES RECEIVE WHITE COATS
The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences-Boston held its annual Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony for the PharmD Class of 2012. Kyle Kuvaja and Mallory Brown, both of Greenwood, participated in the annual event. The event is symbolic of students entering the professional phase of their pharmacy education. Through the White Coat Ceremony, pharmacy students gain a sense of the college's core values that focus on professionalism, respect, integrity and caring. By donning the white coat, students show their dedication to health care and the pharmacy profession. During the ceremony, the students recited the Oath of a Pharmacy Student, a pledge of professionalism, committing their professional careers and practices to excellence in pharmacy.

tor, but that was it. I was surprised to say the least as I had been told that the compactors were watched at all times. It is no wonder that they keep breaking down. I could have put anything in and no one would have been the wiser till after the fact. And where is the education about what can go into these places? I am still not sure what Casella takes with their single stream. Are you? Maybe the committee needs to volunteer again until people actually know what goes where under the new system. I have spoken with several people and each thought different items were okay to recycle.

Another thing I was thinking about this a.m. I get the Sunday paper every week. I use al-most none of the coupons. Is there anyone out there who would like coupons? None of the family wants them and I just put them into recycling. Seems a waste if there is someone who could use them. Let me know: 743-0583 or rockhead1@roaddrunner.com.

It occurs to me, that as you read this, it will be President Lincoln's actual birthday. Do students know this, now, or do they just know President's Day, the holiday, as the birthday? I remember we had to learn this, but from what I am told, there is very little history taught in the grade schools. We were speaking of the Holocaust and my granddaughter asked — what is

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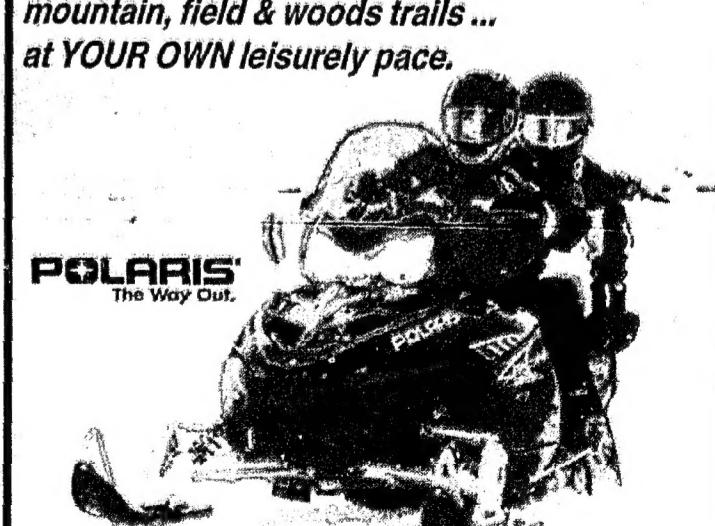
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that? I know I knew by fourth grade what it was and in 6th grade I was reading "Diary of Anne Frank." Now that we are further away from that history, I guess it is not as important to teach about it. Actually, with the genocide ongoing in some of the African and Mid-Eastern countries, it is probably important to learn history so we will know what to avoid.

Friday Mahoosuc Land Trust local knowledge 2009 will present animal tracking with David Brown at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. It starts at 7 p.m. FMI call 824-3806.

Saturday is Valentine's Day. Do not forget to get your sweetheart a card and maybe some candy or cookies. Flowers are always nice.

Saturday at Norway Library there's a concert "For the Love of A Song." It begins at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. Area vocalists will be

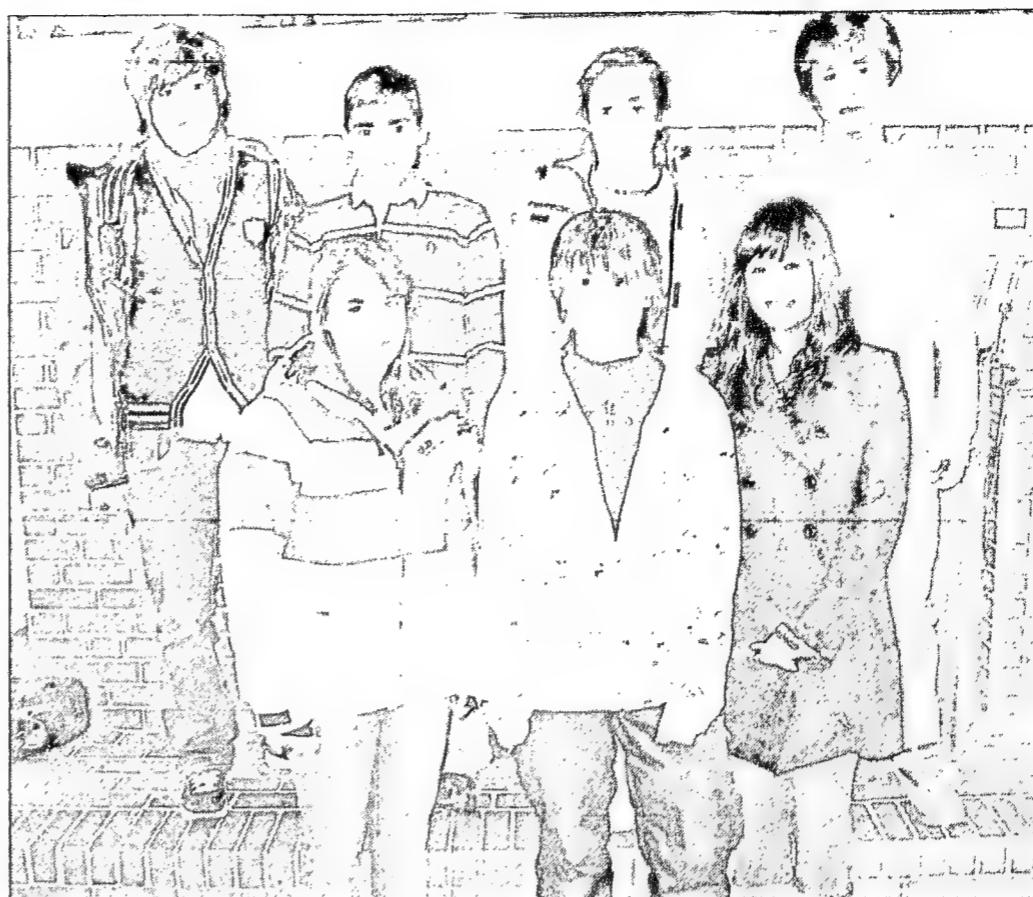
there to offer songs they love. They include Bob Elliot, Sarah Johnson, Tom Littlefield, Jennifer St. Pierre, Michael Davis, Kathryn Gardner, Ed Gabrielsen. FMI call the library at 743-5309.

Saturday there will also be a cross-country ski event to support the Roberts Farm Preserve. It is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Van Nest Farm, 265 Old Stage Road in Norway.

Adults \$10, children \$5. There are 8km of groomed trails. At noon there will be Wacky Human Bowling. Children's cross-country skis, poles and boots will be available for use during the event. FMI call 739-2124.

On Sunday, the 15th, the ME Solar Energy Assn. will host a solar hot water collector workshop at Progress Center, 35 Cottage Street in Norway. Cost is \$50 lunch included. FMI call 733-1095, evenings.

That is all for now. Have a great Valentine's Day and a wonderful week.



LEARNING ABOUT DIVERSITY AND TOLERANCE
At a recent Student of the Month assembly at Telstar High School, a collaboration of Gould Academy and Telstar students spoke to the student body and staff about diversity and tolerance. The presentation was part of the "Message of the Month." It featured a panel of eight diverse students who described their first-hand experiences with many cultural differences, challenges and learnings from visiting or living in different country/life style. The guest presenters include: Edgar Barrero Stadler of Germany, a Telstar High School exchange student; Telstar seniors Kelsey Kuvaja and Whitney Mills, and junior Samantha Largess, who went on a humanitarian trip to Honduras; Gould students Sikandar Ahmadi of Afghanistan, Rachel Oh of Korea; Ryu Ozasa of Japan and Dachuan Zhu of China. Gould Academy Staff Member Martha Whittington helped coordinate and support the schools' experience. Pictured here are (front): Largess, Ozasa and Oh. Back: Barrero-Stadler, Ahmadi, Kuvaja and Zhu.

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Jay 64, Telstar 61; Feb. 5—Telstar scorers: Alex Gundersen 2; Dan Vaughn 7; Danny Whitney 10; Ryan Philbrick 2; James Kimball 6; T.J. O'Connor 2; Ben Field 6; Joel Putnam 18; Corey Howard 8. Whitney had two three-pointers.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Valley 46, Telstar 45; Jan. 31—Telstar scorers: Dan Whitney 19 (7 rebounds); Corey Howard 10 (5 rebounds); T.J. O'Connor 9; Elek Pew 8. "We had our opportunities but just couldn't finish off Mt. Valley. It was a great game and everyone worked extremely hard," said Coach David Berry.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Jay 58, Telstar 35; Feb. 5—Telstar scorers: Brianna Douglass 9; Emma Davis 7; Cheyenne Day 3; Lyndsay Merrill 14; Katie Blaszczak 2. Davis had two three-pointers and Merrill one.

High School Boys' Cross-country Skiing

Mountain Valley Conference Championships 5 km Classical at Black Mountain; Feb. 7. Winthrop 21, Mt. Abram 43, Telstar 45, Mt. Valley 47, Livermore Falls 94. Winning time 14:19.3. Telstar racers: 9. Adam Maher 17:26.0; 11. Will Chapman 17:48.4; 12. Ben Lewis 17:49.2; 13. John Lewis 17:52.6; 14. Patrick Gallagher 17:56.0; 26. Brian Annis 20:20.0; 27. Matthew Keane 20:55.0; 29. Casey Kellner 21:54.4; 32. James Piccirillo 22:42.0.

MVC Championships 5 km Freestyle at Black Mountain; Feb. 5. Mt. Valley 82, Winthrop 99, Mt. Abram 103, Telstar 107, Livermore Falls 143. Winning time 14:21.3. Telstar racers: 7. Adam Maher 16:27.2; 10. Lance Brown 16:50.8; 11. John Lewis 16:55.8; 13. Ben Lewis 17:22.8; 23. Will Chapman 18:55.1; 24. Patrick Gallagher 19:02.1; 26. Brian Annis 19:56.8; 28. James Piccirillo 20:16.6; 29. Matthew Keane 20:17.5.

High School Girls' Cross-country Skiing

Mountain Valley Conference Championships 5 km Classical at Black Mountain; Feb. 7. Mt. Abram 13, Winthrop 48; Mt. Valley 49, Dirigo 59, Telstar 70. Winning time 17:54.4. Telstar racers: 5. Katlyn Keane 20:36.5; 15. Molly Keane 23:25.1; 23. Megan Bonney 25:44.4.

MVC 5 km Freestyle at Black Mountain; Feb. 5. Mt. Abram 43, Telstar 89, Mt. Valley 91. Winning time 17:35.4. Telstar racers: 6. Katlyn Keane 20:36.5; 13. Molly Keane 23:28.5; 14. Megan Bonney 24:16.7; 26. Marian Hotopp 29:27.8.

High School Boys' Alpine Skiing

Mountain Valley Conference Championships at Black Mt.; Feb. 7. Slalom: Mt. Valley 29, Jay 50; Livermore Falls 54, Winthrop 57, Mt. Abram 63, Telstar 77. Winning time: 1:04.31. Telstar racers: 2. Frankie Del Duca 1:04.53; 21. Cody Boivin 1:28.05; 28. Anthony Dirago 1:40.68; 29. Josh Head 2:28.51; 31. Edgar Barrero-Stadler 2:42.35.

MVC Championships at Black Mt.; Feb. 5. Giant Slalom: Mt. Valley 26, Jay 47, Livermore Falls 48, Telstar 66, Mt. Abram 67, Winthrop 77. Winning time: 1:07.97. Telstar racers: 4. Frankie Del Duca 1:11.28; 12. Gavin Lee 1:14.20; 26. Josh Head 1:25.11; 32. Edgar Barrero-Stadler 1:28.67; 34. Cody Boivin 1:32.16; 35. Anthony Dirago 1:34.41.

High School Girls' Alpine Skiing

Mountain Valley Conference Championships at Black Mt.; Feb. 7. Slalom: Mt. Abram 18, Telstar 35, Mt. Valley 52. Telstar racers: 1. Sam Largess 1:12.49; 10. Morgan Lee 1:23.67; 11. Peggie DePasquale 1:29.98; 18. T.J. Cowin 1:40.26.

MVC Championships at Black Mt.; Feb. 5. Giant Slalom: Mt. Abram 25, Telstar 31, Mt. Valley 43, Livermore Falls 56. Winning time: 1:11.16. Telstar racers: 3. Sam Largess 1:12.79; 5. T.J. Cowin 1:17.10; 6. Morgan Lee 1:17.42; 17. Peggie DePasquale 3:01.24.

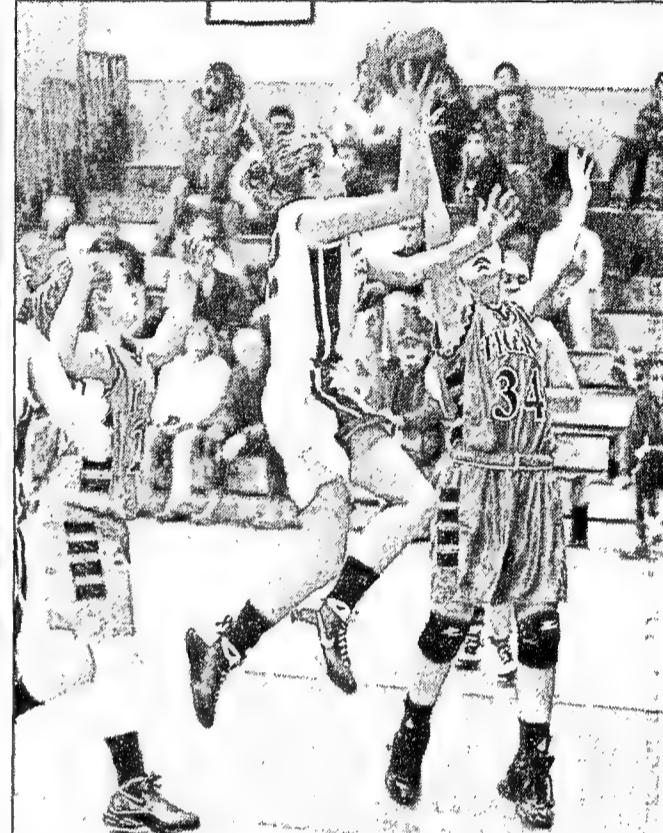
High School Snowboarding

USASA Halfpipe, doubleheader Sugarloaf, Feb. 7—Breaker Girls, Gould's Olivia Leatherwood got second in morning competition and third in afternoon. Breaker Boys: Shea McCarthy, first and second. Youth Men, Oran Pearce, third and second. Junior Men, Kevin Keough, second and first.

SEASON FINALES

The Telstar High School boys' and girls' basketball teams played their final home games last Thursday night. Right, Joel Putnam drives toward the basket. Below left, senior Brianna Douglass sets herself for a foul shot. Below right, Emma Davis goes up for a shot.

(Photos: boys, Jim Hannigan, girls, A. Aloisio)



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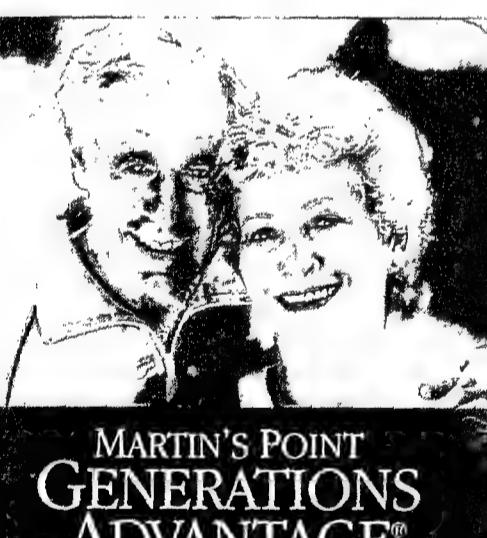
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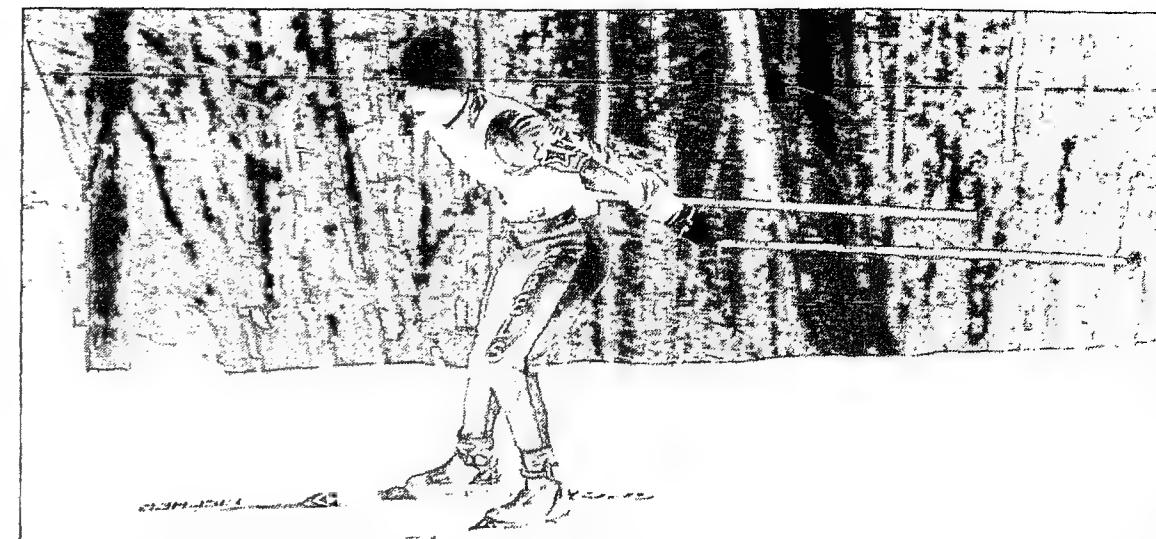
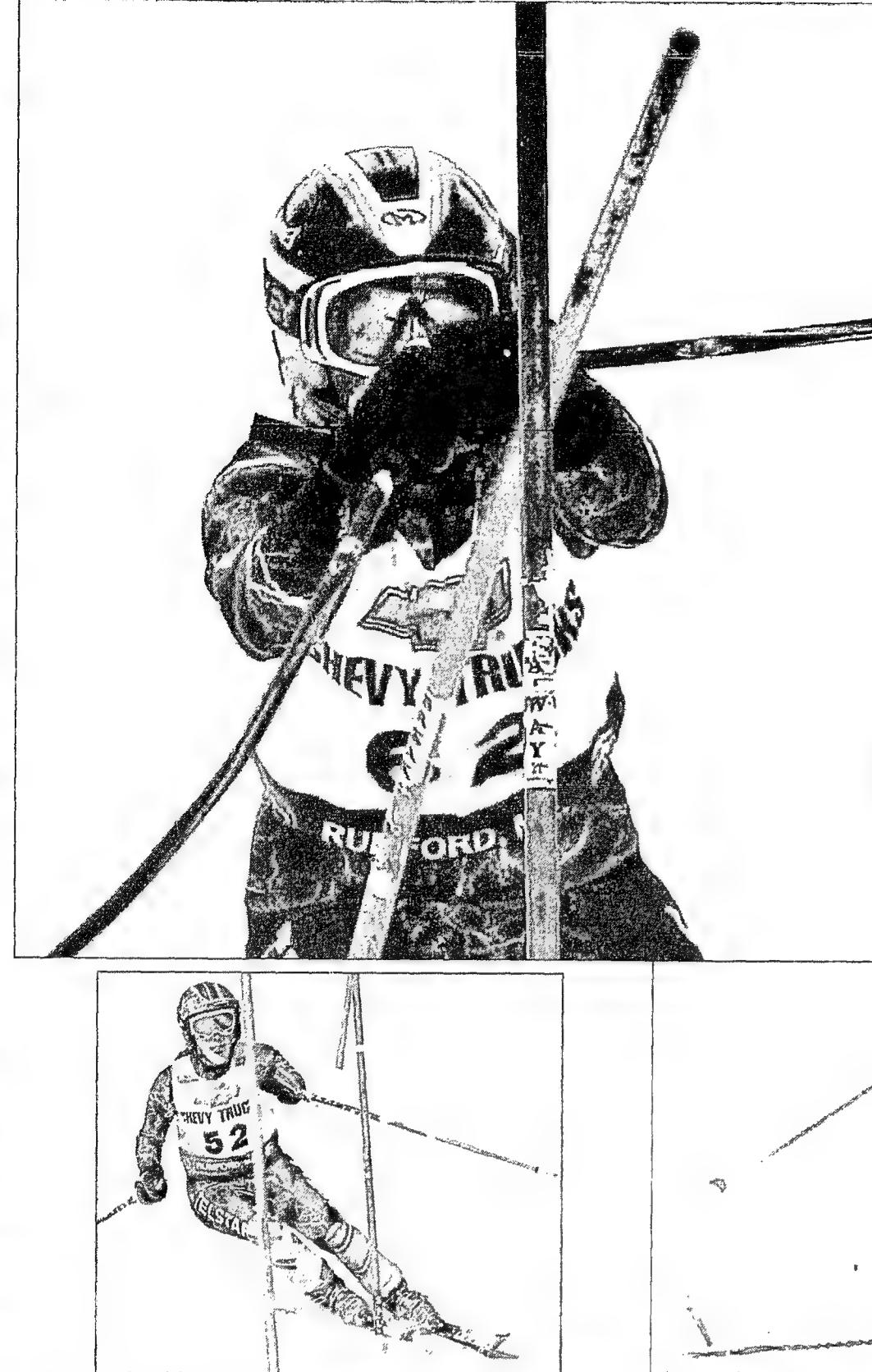
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Clockwise, from left: Peggy De-Pasquale; John Lewis, Gavin Lee, Katlyn Keane, slalom winner Sam Largess.

(Photos: cross-country, Anne Marie Maher; alpine, A. Aloisio)



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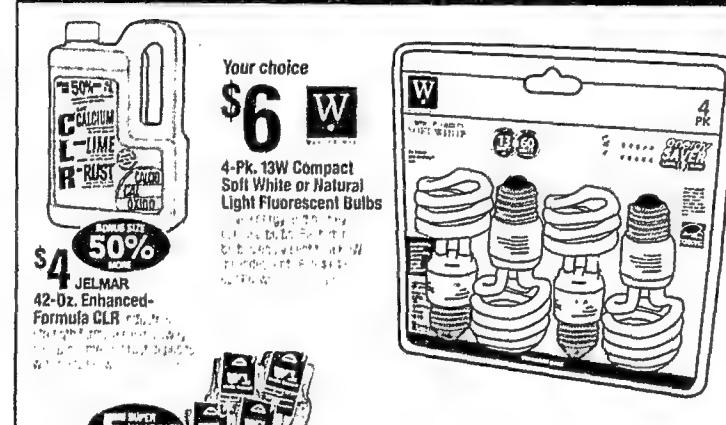
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From left: Anthony Dirago, Frankie Del Duca, Gavin Lee, Samantha Largess, Morgan Lee, Edgar Barreiro-Stadler, Josh Head, Cody Boivin, Coach Anne Reis. Absent: T.J. Cowin, Peggie Depasquale, Jamie Steven.

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2008-2009 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Front: Molly Keane, James Lowell, Ben Lewis, Adam Maher. Middle: Patrick Gallagher, Matthew Keane, Marion Hotopp, Megan Bonney, Katlyn Keane. Back: Coach Gary Wight, Casey Kellner, James Piccirillo, Lance Brown, Will Chapman, John Lewis, Brian Annis, Coach Bob Remington.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 ALPINE SKIING
Front: Kasmira Weinberg, Maddie Simard, Grace Connors. Second row: Zach Stone, Gabrielle Stone, Justin Sterns, Jaren Vermette, Chelsea Miller. Third row: Nick Johnson, Sadie Ellsworth, John Drew, Kim Drew, Greg Wheeler, Tobias Francis, Rachael Wheeler, Aaron Speakman. Back: Cameron Bouchard, Cody Smith, Alec Manning, Avery Rossow, Tyler James, Ricky James, Coach Tim Kavanagh.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 SNOWBOARDING
Front: Emileigh Parsons, Mackenzie Blake, Calli Inmann, Shaynah Seames, Bronson Dean. Middle: Ashley Savage, Autumn Berry, Taylor Savage, Brianna Santos, Jessica Dirago. Back: Coach Sarah Savage, Alison Corey, Dylan Helms, Christopher Chappie, Logan Bartlett, Travis Brown, Kelsie Averill, Ethan Phelps, Coach Rick Savage.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
From left: Kyler Babcock, Max Southam, Assistant Brad Clarke, ShyeLynn Patten, Andrew Siegel, Aiden Clarke, Kaleb Clarke, Rose Goldberg, Alex Leff, Rachael Goldberg, Coach Steve Keane. Absent: Liam Gallagher.

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9 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2822) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - **Pre-school Story Time** (ages 2 to 5 and parents or caregivers) at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - **Infants/toddlers** to age 2 and parents share rhymes, finger plays, songs, etc. at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

To end of February

Fill in the Blank by pinning hand-made hearts (any size) on banner-like fabric collage called "Cover the Snowy Hills," at Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. Hearts will be sewn on and finished piece displayed as part of the "Fulfillment" show that opens Friday, March 6. FMI: 743-9008.

Thursday, Feb. 12

7 p.m. - **"The Jabberwocky"** by Lewis Carroll, performed by Schoolhouse Youth Ensemble and **"Just So Stories"** by Rudyard Kipling performed by Schoolhouse Players in new Black Box Theater at Schoolhouse Arts Center, Routes 114 and 35 Sebago Lake village. Recommended donation: \$3 for students/seniors and \$5 for adults. FMI: call 642-3743 or visit www.schoolhousearts.org.

Friday, Feb. 13

1 to 3 p.m. - **Valentine Tea** at Bethel United Methodist Church dining hall.

1:30 p.m. - **Klondike Derby** at Agnes Gray School, West Paris. All grades participate with teams, sleds and maps and race from town to town where they answer questions and collect gold nuggets. Refreshments provided. Call 674-2332 to join the fun.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge 2009** will present "Animal Tracking" with David Brown at Trustees' Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. FMI: call 824-3806 or e-mail info@Mahoosuc.org or visit www.Mahoosuc.org.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Mexico Lions Club annual Fishing Derby** at Roxbury Pond. Entry fee: \$10.

9 to 11 a.m. - **Winter Tracking Field Snowshoe Trip** with naturalist David Brown sponsored by Mahoosuc Land Trust (reservations required by calling the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office at 824-3806).

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Decorate sugar cookies and make paper Valentines** at West Paris Library, Main Street. All ages. FMI: 674-2004.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Cross-Country Ski Event** at Van Nest Farm, 265 Old Stage Road, Norway. Kids free, adults \$10. Sponsored by Western Foothills Land Trust. FMI and directions: call 739-2124 or e-mail wflt@megalink.net or visit www.wfltmaine.org.

1 to 3 p.m. - **Schiavi Home Buildings** no charge Saturday events during February, the first event being Valentine Cards Stamp Up; second, Spa Day with Free massage; third, Cooking Party Foods. FMI: call 824-4600.

3 to 6 p.m. - **West Paris Downhill Derby** sliding/skating party. Hamburgers, hot dogs, hot chocolate available. Location: Kingsbury Street. A snowstorm or 15 or below zero cancelled. FMI: call 674-2628.

6 p.m. - **Upton Ladies Aid hosting Valentine Murder Mystery Supper** (roast chicken and prime rib) at their building. Limited tickets, \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. No tickets sold at door. FMI or to make reservations (deadline Feb. 17): call Penny Bernier at 533-2010.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Route 117, Buckfield, presents "A Bozo in Love" by Rick Adam. Tickets: \$10. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15
Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer at Sunday River. Suggested minimum donation \$250 (in money or value) to be listed on t-shirts, hoodies, posters and press releases. To be an event sponsor, contact Jackson Tupper at 985-1972 or ttupper@roadrunner.com or Jordan Sanford at 636-3632 or sanfords@metrocast.net. Cash donors may send check to: Maine Children's Cancer Program, FBO: Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer and mail to Jackson Tupper, 11 River Bend Drive, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Sunday, Feb. 15
9 a.m. - **"Four Chaplains"** service by Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, at Locke Mills Union Church at regular church service. Everyone welcome to attend.

11 a.m. - **2009 Flying Moose Classic** hosted by Bethel Outing Club and Bethel Nordic Ski Center at Gould Academy and Bethel Nordic Ski Center trail systems. Register at Gould Academy Field House 9 to 10:30 a.m. Transportation for drop bags available. Registration fee: \$25 including DOR. Youth races \$5. Checks to Bethel Outing Club and mail to BOC, PO Box 637, Bethel, ME 04217.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 and Thursday, Feb. 19
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Safe Sitter® Class** at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Harper Conference Center. Fee: \$50 for two-day class. FMI or to register: call The Family Birthplace at 743-1562 x 380.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, Thursday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 21
2 to 4 p.m. - **Teen Acting Workshop** with theater games and acting improvisation at Denmark Arts Center. FMI and registration: call Mary Baston-Rebmann at 935-7860.

Wednesday, Feb. 18
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Business Lunch and Learn** topic is "The Basics of E-Commerce" presented by River Valley Technology Center, River Valley Growth Council and River Valley Chamber of Commerce at River Valley Technology Center, 60 Lowell Street, Rumford. Cost: \$10 includes lunch. Members pay \$8. Pre-payment required. No refunds issued. FMI and to pre-register: call Lorraine at 369-0396 or e-mail lorraine@rvvc.org by Feb. 13.

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Bellinger, Pastor Jim Rose, Youth Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m. Kidz Klub 4 yrs-5th grade and High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade at 5 p.m. Thursdays Middle School Youth Group with 4th grade at 5 p.m. For more information, call 642-4638 or 642-2221.

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LOCKE MILLS
Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Wittenberg Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street Worship Service Sun. days at 10 a.m. Pres. Peter Beckel 361-3681.

NEWRY
Sunday River Christian Ministry with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark On mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: We are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time 10 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Ski in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information 642-5896 recording.

RUMFORD POINT
Rumford Point Church Sunday service Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sonora Wittenberg.

WEST PARIS
Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris 9 a.m. worship Rev. Richard Beal 674-2241.

WORSTOCK
West Paris Baptist Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. Bruce Tyner Pastor Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Grades 1-6 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship 7:30 p.m. Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month.

WOODSTOCK
Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodskins Sundays Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Fridays Youth Group 7:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist
Pastor Richard Wright 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinckney Meeting House R.R. 2 Pinckney, N.H. 03868. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School 11 a.m. welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers). Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 624-8669 FMI.

Open House at Granite State College. Learn about online classes and Berlin-based classes. FMI: if unable to attend, write to Betsy Gemmeke, Outreach Coordinator, Granite State College, 53 Technology Lane, Suite 150, Conway, NH 03818.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** Rules of the Game Live Game Show, the game show that comes to you at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: children \$4/\$6 and adults 13 and over \$6/\$8. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or by calling (800)-543-2SK1.

Thursday, Feb. 19

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, will feature Cliff Gray, owner of Andrews Funeral Home who will provide information on pre-arrangements with time for questions and answers. Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments served.

6 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at Wilkins Community House, Waterford Flat on Plummer Hill Road. All are welcome.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21

7:30 p.m. - Oddfellow Theater, Route 117, Buckfield, presents The Early Evening Show. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for 12 and under. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday, Feb. 21

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Joy of Skiing**, progressive picnic on skis to benefit Maine Lung Association at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. Start with homemade donuts, moving on to muffins and sweet breads, continuing to covered bridge for hot soup, heading back for s'mores at fire pit and end up on deck for chips, salsa, cheese and crackers. Cost: \$7 for kids \$4, advance \$6 for adults. FMI: 824-4410 or visit www.sundayriverinn.com.

8:30 to 12 a.m. - **Workshop** on how to use the Internet to create an online market at Western Maine University and Community College, South Paris. Free. FMI and to pre-register (by Friday, Feb. 13): call University of Maine Cooperative Extension office at 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Heritage Day** at Bethel Historical Society. Exhibit galleries, period rooms, Museum Shop, antique appraisals (\$5 up to two items), craft demonstrations, historical videos, Indian pudding at Mason House winter kitchen. Admission free to members, small fee for nonmembers. FMI: call 824-2908.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** (turkey and fixings and homemade pies) by Waterford World's Fair Association at United Parish Church, 77 Main Street, Harrison. Adults \$7, children 12 and under, \$3. FMI: 514-0333.

5 p.m. - **Mt. Abram Ski Club Live Auction**. Mt. Abram and other ski memorabilia included.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Old Fashion Church Supper** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Casseroles, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and pies. Adults \$7, children under 12 \$4.

Sunday, Feb. 22

11 a.m. - **Cardboard Boxesled Race** at Mt. Abram Resort. Build your best and fastest cardboard sled and race against friends. Great prizes. Registration begins 10:30 a.m. No wood, plastic, metal, etc. FMI: call 875-5000 or visit www.skimtaram.com.

2 p.m. - **Sounds Clever and The Valley Horns** at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail Kieran@ncia.net.

Monday, Feb. 23

10 a.m. - **Maine Educational Opportunity Center** free workshop at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. To register or FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit meoc.maine.edu.

7 p.m. - **The Yo-Yo People**, a Black Diamond Entertainment Series at Sunday River's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: children \$4/\$6 and adults 13 and over \$6/\$8. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or by calling (800)-543-2SK1.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Pa-for Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome FMI: 322-3761

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info: 642-4638 voice mail or 642-2289 FMI.

WEST PARISH

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Vicki Rickerman, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI: 642-4638.

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MARSHFIELD

Saint Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigil Mass. Sunday 8 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am Vigil Worship - Sept. - June: Child care is provided Religious education classes 11:15pm FMI: 642-3288

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West Paris

by Joyce Lamb

Don't you wish you were in Florida and escaping the Maine

winter? Sunday morning Maine was at 34 degrees and Florida was at 34 also. They had two 35-degree mornings last week but were at 70 degrees on Saturday. Strawberries and blueberries are now being harvested. At frost temperatures the strawberries are sprayed with water and ice over and are OK to harvest and sell. All are busy except for suffering with an occasional cold morning. We feel so sorry for them!

On Sunday, Feb. 15, The Rev. Phil Sherman will lead the service at the West Paris Universalist Church. The service starts at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee social hour. Jim Burke is the organist. All are welcome.

The Rev. Herb Adams, former minister of the West Paris Universalist Church, is recovering from surgery after the repair of three aneurysms.

He and his wife Mary live in Lake Placid, Fla., for the winter. We wish him a speedy recovery.

At the Bryant Pond Whitman Memorial Library on Thursday, the 19th, Cliff Gray will be the guest speaker at 2 p.m. He is the local owner of the Andrews Funeral Home and will provide information on pre-arrangements and on what information you need to have at the death of a loved one. There will be time for question and answers. Note it is on the third Thursday and not the second Thursday.

There was only one morning this past week with a temperature above freezing, so we are still not getting in all our walking time.

I did go to the indoor garage sale at the South Paris Legion Hall. Lots were out to buy the goodies. Red hot dogs and corn chowder were on sale at lunchtime along with many kinds of pies. My red hot dog was one of the few I get during the year along with a delicious piece of grapefruit pie.

Sunday was our first warm day in a long time. Several pieces of ice fell off the kitchen roof and scared Muffin. Loud noises still bother her but she now runs to greet visitors.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

"Strangers Among Us" was presented on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Bethel Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, to a very attentive audience of over 40 people. Director Lynn Arizzi explained that the play was a love story with a touch of humor. The love of a man for a woman, love of family, love of a nurse for those in her care and love for one another. As reported by audience members in the evaluations, this resulted in an "incredibly powerful and moving presentation," "very touching," and "very well portrayed." Our thanks go to the director, Lynn Arizzi, for her dedication in preparing a cast of eleven for this very moving play.

Cast members for the play included Ross and Carole Timberlake, Lorrie Hoeh, Jay Boschetti, Dan Johnson, Sharon Lyon, Roberta Taylor, Joe Arizzi, Tineke Ouwinga and Rosabelle Tift. Jackie Cressy's inspiring quotes

before each scene in her role as the poet, and Lynn's musical interludes added to the beauty of the play.

Peg Gagnon, Information and Outreach Specialist for the Maine Alzheimer's Association, was present to address questions and concerns after the play. Peg praised the players for their very accurate presentation of the struggles of Alzheimer's patients and families. To help prevent Alzheimer's disease, she said what's good for the heart is good for helping to prevent the disease. She also said one can help prevent Alzheimer's by keeping one's mind active such as being involved with Senior College.

Peg left a number of booklets, "Basics of Alzheimer's Disease What it is and what you can do," which have been placed at several local businesses. She said the Alzheimer's Association is available to give reliable information and support. Anyone may call for more information at (800) 272-3900 or check their website at www.alz.org.

For Your Calendar

On Friday, Feb. 27, WMSC spring course registration will be held at the Bethel Congregational Church beginning at 5 p.m. The annual

Community Soup Swap for members only will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Watch for more details.

On Wednesday, March 4, Cathy DiCocco, local chef and food educator, will introduce the "Healthy Eating on a Budget" program at the Bethel Congregational Church from 4:30 to 6 p.m. You'll also receive more details about local restaurants participating during March and April.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

James Dock, Director of Development at the Bethel Historical Society, announced this week that the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign was "a tremendous success," closing on Dec. 31, 2008 with a total of \$47,413, a remarkable increase of 66 percent over the 2007 record level.

"The challenge offered to donors by friends Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden of matching dollar for dollar all new and increased giving in the Fund had a direct impact

on our success and raised the average gift from \$88 to \$141," he said in making the announcement.

"In a campaign that will be a landmark for breaking all previous records, trustee support for the Fund nearly tripled and membership in the Dr. Moses Mason Society consisting of donors of \$1,000 or more to the Fund, now stands at 12, up from four last year," noted Kent G. Taylor chair of the Development Committee.

"This year's outcome is a marvelous vote of confidence by friends and members in the society's work," declared President and Board Chair Susan Herlihy.

"At a time when the economy has challenged nonprofits as never before in recent memory, the society enjoys unprecedented support," she added.

With over 1,450 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

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**WILLARD J. PULKKINEN**

Willard Johanas Pulkkinen Jr. of South Paris passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009.

Willy was born in Lewis ton, Maine on Oct. 11, 1959 to Willard Johanas Sr. and Jean Cordwell Pulkkinen. Willy went to Oxford Hills High School until the 9th Grade, when he dropped out of school to start a career in laying carpet. At age 16 he started work for Bob Blais laying carpets. He also worked for the Color Center in Norway for a few years. Willy operated his own flooring business for the past 30 years off and on. He had been working with Western Maine Supply in Bethel and Floors and Moore in Bridgton for the past several years.

He married Gail Brown on

Oct. 21, 2006. He lived in South Paris with Gail and his step-daughter, Samantha Brown. Willy and Gail held their annual cookouts during the summer inviting many friends and family. Willy was a very gracious person when it came to his family and friends, he was always helping someone out with something.

Willy loved his race cars and was an avid NASCAR fan, especially No. 20. He also loved to watch any kind of wrestling on the World Wrestling Entertainment Channel. Willy was a loving father, husband, uncle, brother, son and cousin.

Willy is survived by his wife Gail and stepdaughter Samantha of South Paris; daughter, Ruby Hall of Lewiston, mother, Jean Cordwell Pulkkinen of Bridgton; brother, Kalli J. Pulkkinen of South Paris, sisters, Eleanor J. Pulkkinen of South Paris, Mary A. Porter of Woodland, Lena M. Pulkkinen of South Paris, Holley F. Pulkkinen of Otisfield, and Sally H. Williams of Carmel; many nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles, Sally Ann Haley of Bethel, Constance Cordwell of California, Charlotte Strother of Readfield, Stanley Cordwell of Bethel, Nancy Cordwell of Alabama, Sujo and Ellie Pulkkinen of Oxford; Herbert Pulkkinen of Oxford; aunts, Senya and Marion; and many, many cousins. He was pre-deceased

by his father, Willard J. Pulkkinen Sr.; and his uncles, Dale A. Haley, James Cordwell and Michael Cordwell; brother-in-laws, Terry Gordon, Ron Williams and Gary Porter.

The Funeral Service was held in South Paris at the Weston Chandler Funeral Home on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009.

BARBARA H. WHITMAN

Barbara H. Whitman, 94, of Bryant Pond, died at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris, on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009.

She was born in Bethel on Feb. 1, 1915, the daughter of Albert and Bernice (Grover) Heath. She was educated in Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1933. She had worked as a mill worker most of her life.

She married Donald E. Whitman on Sept. 3, 1934, and he died May 28, 1977.

She is survived by a daughter, Sylvia Doughty and her husband Stan of Lisbon Falls; a son, Donald Whitman and his wife Marcia of Buckfield; two daughters-in-law, Carol Whitman of Norway and Patty Howe of Bryant Pond; two sisters, Roberta Bennett of Lovell and Henrietta Brown; and many grand and great-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by two sons, Herbert Whitman and Larry Whitssman; and a brother, Albert Heath.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond at a time to be announced by Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Births

Elizabeth and Todd Wing of Portland are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Maren Elizabeth, on Jan. 18, 2009. Maren weighed 7 pounds.

Maren joins a brother, Ronan John, age 2.

Maternal grandparents are Anne and Henry Janas of Portland.

Paternal grandparents are Jeannine and Gary Wing of Bryant Pond.

Great-grandparents are Rowna and Herbert Dunham of Greenwood, Dorothy and Elwood Wing of Bryant Pond, and the late Joseph Hebert, Sr.

Tom James and Harmony Mills of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Pason Ray James, born on Feb. 7, 2009 weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Cyndi Mills and Keith Davis of West Bethel and Randy Mills and Joyce McAlister of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara James of Florida and the late Richard James. Pason Ray joins his brother, Mylens James, age 3.

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The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

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Returns: Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

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For more information contact **Woodstock School 665-2368**

A year has passed since you left us, we still can't believe that it is true, facing each morning and spending our days without you. We miss the sound of your voice, your silly little smile, your hugs and your kisses that would last us for miles. The touch of your skin, the blue in your eyes, hearing your breath within every sigh. For 18 years we protected you, but you need us no more, for you have been saved when you walked through God's door. We will protect and love Brandi, that is our promise to you, sharing fond memories, he will be proud through and through. We know that you are with us, from the pennies you send, and that you will keep us safe "under your umbrella" until we meet again.

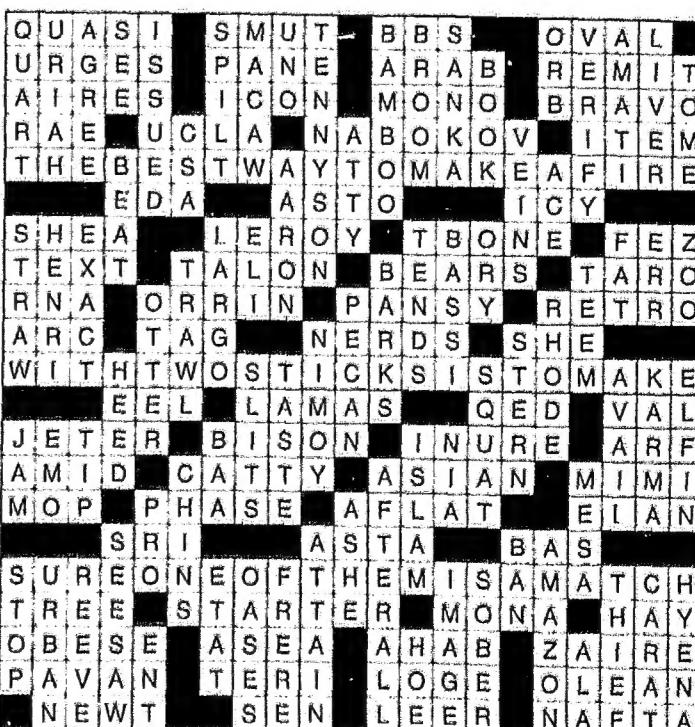
WE LOVE AND MISS YOU, KEITH!
Mom, Dad, Shanel, Alex, Dawson and Uncle Orin
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Georgianna M. Hamel

~ She has been gone about a year, she is greatly missed.
~ Her legacy can only live on through us that knew her.
~ Unconditional love for mankind is her legacy.
~ She had a great willingness to share with those who had not.
~ She would help strangers whenever she had the opportunity.
~ Her caring heart was not just for her husband and kids, but for all the neighbors, too.
~ Her caring heart reached out to the sick, also.
~ She did not live for the still or quiet of the day or for the best things in life, but for the smiles on the faces of others.
~ Georgianna, you were not afraid to tell people the way it was as you helped them grow along the way.
~ Mom, you were never afraid to share your faith and give God the glory.
~ You never wanted payment for your actions, but told all "To help someone else."
~ Mom, our new president is now telling people the very thing that you always said and did. He's telling America that we need to reach out to our friends and neighbors and help each other along the way and this is how we will save our country in this economic struggle.

Love, Keith and Marilyn